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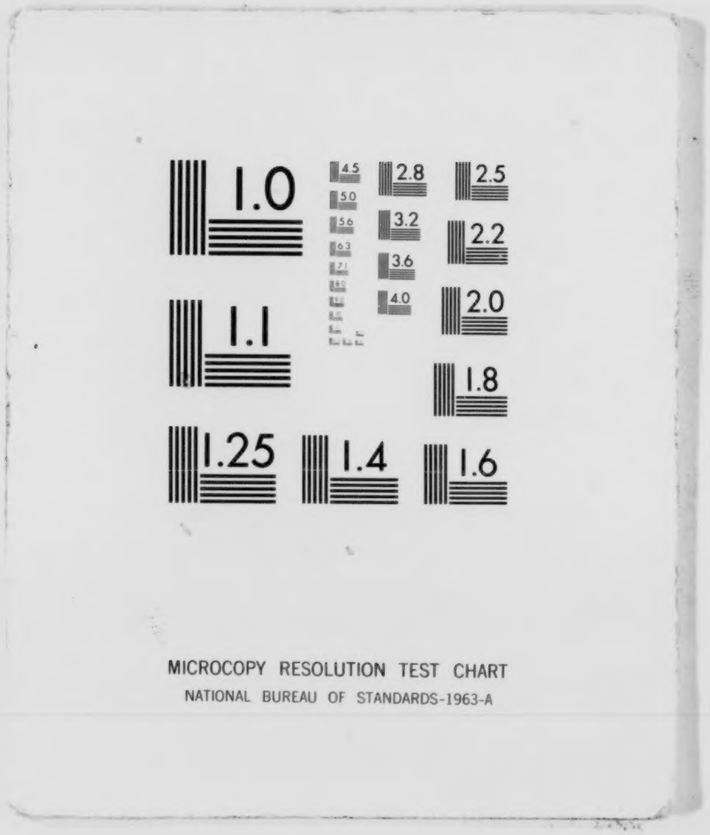

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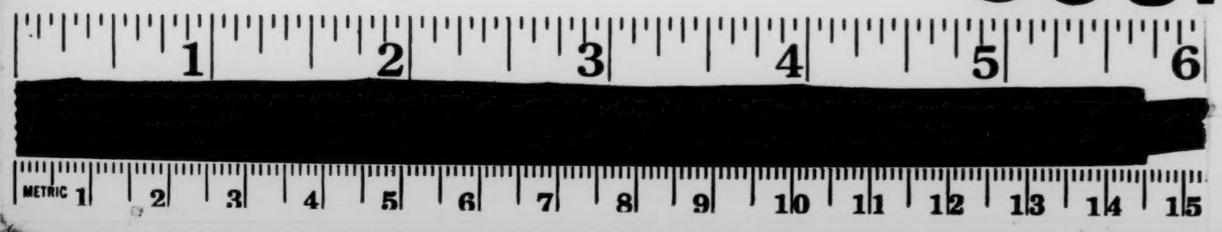

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Lagunitas, Calif.
July 16, 1923

Bolaher Abstract & Title Co.
Eureka, California

Dear Sirs:

Thanks for your promptness in sending the Humboldt County maps.

In case you ever issue a new edition you may be interested to know that the Government Geographic Board has changed several objectionable names in Humboldt and Mendocino Counties.

Thus the area within the bend or loop of South Fork Eel at Myers road house has been given its original Indian name, Ken-tes-cho-be, and the Indian name Kettintelbe has been restored to the place usually called Phillipsville.

Very truly yours,

C. Hart Merriam

Chairman U.S. Geographic Board

July 16, 1923.

Dr. Joseph J. Hill
Bancroft Library
Berkeley, Calif.

My dear Doctor Hill:

On returning recently from a field trip in the north I found my manuscript on Jedidiah S. Smith's Route returned by Doctor Bolton, along with your letter of June 16.

I wish to thank you for the attention you gave the article and for your remarks concerning Smith's letter to General Clark. Evidently I failed to make myself quite clear in the matter. I did not intend to imply that Smith wrote <u>two</u> letters, but that a copy, dated five days later, was used by Dale and others. But I <u>did</u> intend to imply that Dale <u>took unjustifiable liberties</u> with Smith's letter, which as published by him does not strictly conform with the original. Apparently Dale changed a word now and then to "improve" the meaning. Thus the words "have got" instead of "here got", "acors" instead of "acorns", and some others are exactly as in the Indian Office copy of Smith's letter; and Dale's bungling of the reference to the Gila River strengthens my opinion that he took liberties.

It would be interesting as you suggest to make an actual comparison of the hand writing of the two copies, and possibly I may arrange to do this after my return to Washington, or it might be done at the headquarters of the Missouri Historical Society. Possibly they might be willing to have a photostat copy made at my expense and sent me. If you know the address of the person in -

charge and will kindly let me know I will write and find out.

The last number of the Sierra Club Bulletin contains an article on Jedidiah Smith's crossing of the Sierra in 1827, copies of which I am sending you and Doctor Bolton by this mail.

Again thanking you for the trouble you have taken in the matter,

Very truly yours,

C. Hart Merriam.

Kindly reimburse Doctor Bolton for the postage for which he paid in returning my manuscript.

July 16, 1923.

Mr. Brent Altsheler
Louisville, Ky.

My dear Mr. Altsheler:

Your letter of June 7 was forwarded from Washington and reaches me on my return from a recent field trip. Hence, please pardon delay in replying.

Regarding your contemplated fall trip to British Columbia and the matter of a permit for scientific specimens, would say that I am no longer in a position to help in matters of this kind and would suggest that you address Mr. Gerrit S. Miller, Curator of Mammals, U. S. National Museum, or Dr. E. W. Nelson, Chief of the Biological Survey, Washington, D. C.

One would naturally think that any museum or institution having the custody of natural history collections would be only too glad to avail themselves of such an opportunity.

With best wishes,

Very truly yours,

C. Hart Merriam.

July 16, 1923.

Mr. A. H. Twitchell,
Flat, Alaska.

Dear Sir:

Your letter of May 2 has just reached me.

I regret that the cutting down of the price of bear skulls, owing to shortage of funds, has left you in a hole. I had no intention of doing this and will add enough to the next voucher so that you will not lose anything by the transaction.

About three years ago, as I think I wrote you at the time, I was no longer able to pay the large price I had previously paid for grizzly skulls, since which time I have paid for males little more than I formerly gave for females.

Apparently you have two or more skulls on the way, or at least which had not arrived before I left Washington. Since I left I have not been notified of the receipt of any skulls, but this does not mean that they have not arrived as they sometimes forget to notify me. However, I will agree to attend to the matter soon after my return in the fall.

Thanking you for the trouble you have taken in adding to our collection,

Very truly yours,

C. Hart Merriam.

July 16, 1923.

Mr. J. D. Cochran
Barkerville, B. C.

Dear Sir:

Thanks for your letter of June 9 which has been forwarded to me from Washington.

I shall be glad to have you send me the two grizzly skulls you mentioned although from what you say of them they are not worth very much, the male lacking the lower jaw, the female shot between the eyes. From what you say I should think the two would be worth about $15. If this is satisfactory please ship to the Biological Survey as usual, not forgetting to attach a tag to each skull giving the locality and approximate date of killing and your own name and address.

My large book on the big bears is not yet published but several years ago I published a technical work on the bears which I can send you if you care for it. It was published by the Biological Survey as N. Am. Fauna No. 41. I expect to work in California until about the end of October.

Very truly yours,

C. Hart Merriam

July 16, 1923.

Mr. E. N. Lafonso
Chico, Calif.

My dear Mr. Lafonso:

It was good of you and Mrs. Lafonso to think of sending us a card from Covelo and we are very glad to hear from you.

I had hoped to spend the 4th in Round Valley but was prevented by other matters.

Since we parted at Grindstone I have been to Santa Barbara to attend a meeting in the interest of Indians and I am happy to say that a branch of the Indian Defense Association was formed with an initial membership of 100. This certainly is encouraging; and the fact is still more encouraging that our new Secretary of Interior, Dr. Hubert Work, has invited a number of persons, of whom I am one, to form an advisory council on Indian affairs.

I have also done a lot of field work, particularly in Lake and Mendocino Counties.

Some of these days we hope and expect to drop in at Chico to see you all again - probably not until the summer heat begins to taper. Meanwhile, with kindest regards to your mother, Mrs. Lafonso, your dear little girl and yourself.

Very truly yours,

C. Hart Merriam

Sent to Mrs W. B. Stephens
Alameda

Incomplete List of Birds of Clear Lake.

Golden Eagle
Bald Eagle
Red-tail Hawk
Marsh Hawk
Duck Hawk
Fish Hawk
Cooper Hawk
Sharp-shin Hawk
Sparrow Hawk
Condor (— [illegible])
Turkey Buzzard
Great-horned Owl
Barn Owl
Screech Owl
Burrowing or Ground Owl
Valley Quail
Dove
Pigeon
Roadrunner
Kingfisher
Crow
Crested Bluejay
California Bluejay
Brewer Blackbird
Red-shouldered Black Bird
Yellow-headed Blackbird(— [illegible])

California Woodpecker
Lewis Woodpecker
Hairy Woodpecker
Red-breasted Sapsucker
Yellowhammer or Flicker
Nuthatch
Meadowlark
Oriole
Shrike
Western King Bird
Great-crested Kingbird
Empidonax Flycatcher
Black-headed Grosbeak
White-crown Sparrow
Junco
Linnet
Lark Sparrow
Chipping Sparrow
Song Sparrow
Lazuli Finch
Yellowbird
Western Yellowbird
Chewink
Brown Towhee
Barn Swallow
Cliff or Eve Swallow

White-bellied Swallow
Vireo
Yellow Warbler
Black-throated Gray Warbler
Yellow-throated Warbler
Yellow-breasted Chat
Robin
California Thrasher
Russet-back Thrush
Vigors Wren
Marsh Wren
Tufted Titmouse
Chickadee
Wrentit
Bushtit
Western Bluebird

Killdee
Gulls

Swan
Canada Goose
White-fronted Goose
Mallard
Shoveler
Wood Duck
Red Head
Ruddy Duck
Great Blue Heron
Little Green Heron
Night Heron
Bittern
Hudhen

August 2, 1923.

Dear Miss Clemence:

Your letter of July 16 reached me last night on our return from a sixteen day trip in the northwest.

The same mail brought a letter from F. W. Ashley, Superintendent of the Reading Room of the Library of Congress, complaining that you have not returned two books taken from the library, one as long ago as May 29, the other June 22. The books mentioned are Brinton, Myths of the New World, Lienhard, Californien. You surely can appreciate how mortifying it is to me to be served with a notice of this sort and there would seem to be no good reason for keeping a book out so long.

I am very glad to have your statement as to the work so far accomplished this season. Evidently you have hit a lot of important records all of which are for the good. All of these items will help make our work more complete.

You will be interested to know that during our last trip I succeeded in catching the old Lolahnkok Indian at his home and worked him for several days. Also, after failing each visit for the past four years, succeeded in taking him over the Redwood Highway and getting from him more

than eighty names along the part of the route with which he has been familiar since childhood.

Also did a good piece of work with the Weyot of lower Eel River, and then went to Petrolia and the lower Mattole River where I got a fairly good vocabulary of the Mattol language, including a batch of rancheria and geographical names. To my great surprise I found that the languages of the Bear River Nekanni and the Mattol differ greatly in the names of animals, plants, and other things, although a considerable percentage of the words are the same.

Returned over the new road from Upper Mattole across Elk Mountains and down Bull Creek to South Fork Eel, camping one night with the Roscoe family where Bailey and I camped more than twenty years ago.

With best wishes,

Very truly yours,

C. Hart Merriam

Miss Stella Clemence
1767 Lanier Place
Washington, D. C.

August 2, 1923.

Mr. F. W. Ashley
Superintendent Reading Room
Library of Congress
Washington, D. C.

Dear Sir:

Your letter of July 19 has just reached me at my summer headquarters at Lagunitas, California.

I regret that my assistant, Miss Stella Clemence, has not returned the two books you mention, namely, Brinton, Myths of the New World and Lienhard, Californien.

I am writing Miss Clemence by this mail, calling her attention to the matter and asking her to hereafter make a special point of returning books promptly.

Thanking you for calling my attention to the matter,

Very truly yours,

C. Hart Merriam

August 2, 1923.

Mr. R. A. Whall
Metropolitan Air Goods Co.
Athol, Mass.

Dear Sir:

Herewith is my check for $16 in payment for the Brownie Pad and cushion which you sent me on July 9.

During our last trip of sixteen days from which we returned last evening, we used your 8 X 8 umbrella tent with much satisfaction. For my purposes it is the simplest, most convenient and most satisfactory tent I have had during a lifetime of camping.

Very truly yours,

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Very truly yours,

C. Hart Merriam.

August 4, 1923.

Mr. J. D. Grant, Chairman Board of Directors,
Save the Redwoods League
114 Sansome Street
San Francisco, Calif.

Dear Mr. Grant:

Thanks for your letter of July 23 just received on my return from a field trip in Humboldt County.

I am obliged for the statement concerning the gift of a Redwood grove by Mrs. Russ, notices of which I had already seen in the newspapers.

In the hope of establishing aboriginal Indian names for certain places along the Redwood Highway before such abominable names as Phillipsville, Myer's Road House, Bull Creek and so on become permanently fixed, I have made during the past few years about twenty trips over the Highway. During previous years I secured a few names but was not able to find an old resident Indian whom I could take over the route. This year I had better success, finding the sought-for old man at home and taking him over the route along South Fork Eel with which he has been familiar from childhood. In this way I obtained more than eighty names with exact distances between. Some of these will be submitted to the Government Geographic Board, which on my recommendation has already adopted the name Kittentelbe in place of Phillipsville; Kenteschobe for the flat in the loop of South Fork Eel where Myer's Road House is located, and Lolanko for the Bull Creek Redwood Flat on the west side of South Fork. While these

names are not so euphonious as Sonoma, Petaluma, and Olompali, nevertheless, they seem much more desirable than the English substitutes which have already found their way on some of the maps.

I have obtained also from ten different Indian tribes the aboriginal names of a large number of localities on the main Eel and its numerous tributaries, but these are not likely to be of interest to you in connection with the Redwood Highway, excepting those pertaining to the stretch of main Eel between Scotia and Dyerville.

With best wishes,

Very truly yours,

C. Hart Merriam

August 4, 1923.

Dr. Joseph J. Hill
Bancroft Library
Berkeley, Calif.

My dear Dr. Hill:

Many thanks for your letter of July 20 which I find on returning from a field trip in Humboldt County.

I quite agree with you as to the desirability of making an exact comparison of the copies of Jedediah Smith's letter of July, 1827. As already stated I have a beautiful photostat copy of the original in the Indian Office. It only remains to obtain a similar photostat cop y of the one in the possession of the Missouri Historical Society. You apparently overlooked my request for the address of the secretary or custodian of the Missouri Historical Society in order that I might ask if they will have a photostat copy made at my expense. If you will kindly send me this address I shall be greatly obliged as I am far away from such sources of information.

Referring again to the matter of which copy is likely to be the original, and to your remark that General Clark may have kept the original and had a copy made for the Indian Office, it may not be unimportant to bear in mind that General Clark, to whom the letter was addressed was at that time Superintendent of Indian Affairs, for which reason, it would seem natural that the original would be kept on file in that office.

Very truly yours, [illegible]

August 4, 1923.

Mr. Charles S. Sloane
Secretary, U. S. Geographic Board
Washington, D. C.

My dear Mr. Sloane:

On returning from a field trip of sixteen days in Humboldt County I find several communications from you and also copies of the decisions of April 4, for which I am very much obliged.

I am obliged also for your answer to my inquiry about Indian population; but I forgot to ask what dilution of blood was accepted by the Census Office in rating people as Indians. I have heard that the Indian Office accepts a very attenuated dilution.

It is good to know that the name Mt. Quincy Adams for a mountain on or near the Canadian Boundary has been accepted by the Canadian Board, as intimated in the letter from R. Douglas, dated July 3. I assume that you assured Mr. Douglas in your reply to his letter of July 12 that our board is equally desirous of cooperating with the Canadian Board in the most friendly manner.

As to the mountain east of Patrick's Point and not far from Big Lagoon, called Trinity Mountain on some maps, Rodger's Peak on others, and Thornbury Mountain by Mr. Thornbury on the map accompanying his forthcoming book, would say: (1) The name Trinity Mountain is most unfortunate, there being two other Trinity Mountains on the same east-west line across northern California; (2) The name Rodger's Peak is current in the region; (3) The name Thornbury Mountain I had never heard of until the receipt of your communication, enclosing Mr. Thornbury's letter

of July 14; (4) The native Indian name of the peak is Pā-yaw (or Pā-yohr) I was not quite sure which.

During my recent trip I secured from an old Indian more than eighty aboriginal names for localities along main Eel River and South Fork Eel on, or adjacent to, the Redwood Highway.

With best wishes,

Very truly yours,

C. Hart Merriam

Kindly send me a batch of the smaller size Board envelopes for letters.

August 4, 1923.

Mr. Newton B. Drury
Secretary, Save The Redwoods League
Monadnock Bldg.
San Francisco, Calif.

My dear Mr. Drury:

Enclosed herewith are a few decisions of the U. S. Geographic Board which may be of interest to you as referring to places along the Redwood Highway.

You may be interested to know also that I have finally succeeded in taking an old Indian over the Highway and in obtaining from him more than eighty place names for localities on or adjacent to the Redwood Highway between Scotia and East Branch of South Fork Eel below Garberville.

For several years I have been trying to ascertain these aboriginal names in order that some of them might be approved by the Geographic Board before the more objectionable of the present English names have become fixed.

You may have observed that the name Kettenteibe instead of Phillipsville has already been published on the recent map of northern California and southern Oregon, issued by the Automobile Association.

With best wishes,

Very truly yours,

C. Hart Merriam

August 4, 1923.

Dr. Hartley H. T. Jackson
National Museum
Washington, D. C.

Dear Dr. Jackson:

Thanks for your letter of July 12 which I find in my accumulated mail on returning from a sixteen day field trip in northwestern California.

Please thank Mrs. Snyder for her kindness in regard to the typewriting and also express our hope that she is now fully recovered.

We are very glad to know that Mrs. Jackson is better, even though the improvement is slow, and congratulate you on moving into an apartment with an elevator. I congratulate you also on the circumstance that the tribulations incident to moving a man's library and other household effects are now over and past.

A forwarded letter from a man named, apparently, Henry Stock of Richardson, Alaska, announces the shipment of four bear skulls but does not state how they were shipped or how addressed. Have they arrived? They were shipped last April.

With best wishes to you all,

Very truly yours,

C. Hart Merriam

August 4, 1923.

Mr. James C. Sperry
2425 Hearst Ave.
Berkeley, Calif.

Dear Mr. Sperry:

Since we met in the Crocker Bank a month or so ago I have accomplished a sixteen day field trip in Humboldt County in the course of which I succeeded in finding the old Indian of whom I spoke, and taking him along the Redwood Highway. He gave me more than eighty place names in his language for points on or close to the Highway between Scotia and East Branch south of Garberville.

It is a great relief after several unsuccessful attempts to have finally accomplished this piece of work.

Herewith I am enclosing a list of decisions of the U. S. Geographic Board for April 4, covering several points along the Highway.

With best wishes,

Very truly yours,

C. Hart Merriam

August 4, 1923.

Dear Miss Eastwood:

Herewith I am enclosing a small plant from McCloud River which is highly regarded by Indians and whose identity I am anxious to make absolutely certain. Shall be greatly obliged therefore if you will tell me what it is.

In the same envelope I am enclosing a poor specimen of what I take to be Wyethia angustifolia. Is this correct? Or is it something else?

Yesterday I sent you a milky juice composite, the partly dried juice of which is used as chewing gum by Indians.

Trusting that I am not putting you to too much trouble, and with best wishes,

Very truly yours,

C. Hart Merriam

Miss Alice Eastwood
Academy of Sciences
San Francisco, Calif.

August 4, 1923.

Mr. Hector Beaulac
Whitehorse
Yukon Territory.

Dear Sir:

Your letter of July 10 has been forwarded from Washington to my summer address in California.

I have not seen the article you refer to, concerning a mouse of which specimens were alleged to be wanted by the Smithsonian Institution, and know absolutely nothing about it.

Very truly yours,

C. Hart Merriam

Lagunitas, Calif.
August 4, 1923.

Prof. Asa M. Fairfield
Susanville, Calif.

My dear Sir:

On returning from a field trip in the Northwest, I find your letter of July 21, transmitting Mrs. Colburn's statement regarding the curious word "Nataqua". I am very glad to have this information as to the original meaning of the name.

Thanking you for your trouble in writing and with best wishes,

Very truly yours,

C. Hart Merriam

August 4, 1923.

Mr. Thomas E. Stanton
Assistant Highway Engineer
Willits, Calif.

My dear Sir:

Herewith I am enclosing decisions of the Government Geographic Board for April 4, last, among which are several which I assume will be of interest to the Highway Commission.

In case of publication of any map of the Redwood Highway I shall be greatly obliged if you will kindly send me a copy.

Very truly yours,

C. Hart Merriam

August 6, 1923.

Dear Dr. Stephens:

We returned to Lagunitas the night before the death of President Harding, since which we have been rather overwhelmed with various bits of work.

The receipt of your letter of July 14 just before our departure for the north gave me a pang of mortification over my delay in sending you the map of the Redwood Highway country. We had it in our heads that you did not intend to make the trip so early for which reason I delayed writing until I had seen Mr. Grant of the Automobile Association, in order to get the latest word as to road conditions.

However, we are very glad that you and Mrs. Stephens have made the trip and have had an opportunity to enjoy the grandeur of the Redwood forests. We are also glad that you took a good look at the valley of South Fork from the Garberville bluff.

The bad detour this side of Willits is now a thing of the past though the one over the ~~other~~ road that takes one to the town itself is still in use.

On our recent trip we were gone sixteen days. I found the old Indian I was in search of at Fortuna and succeeded in taking him over the Redwood Highway to Garberville and back, obtaining the names of more than eighty localities along South Fork Eel. I then visited the so called Lighthouse Rancheria at the south end of Humboldt Bay, after which we drove to Ferndale and thence

over the Wildcat Road to Cape Mendocino, and over the next ridge to Mattole River which we followed down toward its mouth, but here, after fording the river four times, we stuck in the sand and had to be hauled back in the road. However, I succeeded in getting hold of the old Indian who lives at the mouth and in working with him for two days at our camp. Then we went up the river to the place known as Upper Mattole where we camped one night on the Roscoe Ranch, in the same place where Bailey and I camped with a pack outfit between twenty and thirty years ago. From Upper Mattole we took the new road over Elk mountains to Bull Creek which we followed to Dyerville, where we took the Highway home. This new road is admirable both in surface and grade, and passes through a most interesting and picturesque region.

We shall probably be here for another week while writing up the material gathered on the last trip, and shall make an effort to see you before we start off again.

With love to you all from all of us,

As ever yours,

C. Hart Merriam

Lagunitas, Calif.
August 6, 1923.

Mr. E. Deville
Chairman, Geographic Board of Canada
Ottawa, Canada.

My dear Mr. Deville:

On returning from a field trip in northwestern California, I find your letter of July 13, relating to the name of a peak on the International Boundary which the U. S. Geographic Board has named Mt. Quincy Adams.

Your secretary, Mr. R. Douglas, in a letter to our secretary, Mr. C. S. Sloane, dated Ottawa, July 3, states:

> "Your communication of the 19th ultimo now states that the United States Geographic Board has established the name Mount Quincy Adams for the peak for which the name Lester Jones had been suggested.
> "The board has considered this decision and I am directed to say it has no objection to the change."

Inasmuch as your board has acquiesced in accepting the name Mount Quincy Adams, the matter would seem to be disposed of.

For many years our board has adhered rather strictly to the rule that names of living persons were not to be approved for geographic features. For this reason the names of a number of distinguished explorers and cartographers presented to the board have been rejected.

It goes without saying that our board wishes to continue

its cordial relations with your board and hopes that in the future, as in the past, we may have united action on all international names.

Very truly yours,
C. Hart Merriam
Chairman, U. S. Geographic Board.

August 6, 1923.

Mr. G. E. Thompson
Humboldt Redwood Park
Dyerville, Calif.

My dear Sir:

In compliance with my promise I am sending you herewith the native Indian name of the place called Schelling. This name is "Tobeah" (pronounced To-be'-ah).

The name of your own station location is "Kahtahbe" (pronounced Kah-tah'-be).

With best wishes,

Very truly yours,
C. Hart Merriam.

August 6, 1923.

Mr. Paul G. Redington
U. S. Forest Service
San Francisco, Calif.

My dear Mr. Redington:

On returning from a recent field trip I find the enlarged photographic prints of maps which your office has been kind enough to send me and for which I wish to express my best thanks. They will be of real help to me in my field work and also in platting results.

Trusting that I may have the pleasure of having a visit from you and some of your assistants before the season closes, and with best wishes,

Very truly yours,
C. Hart Merriam.

Lagunitas, Calif.
August 7, 1923.

Mr. D. L. Thornbury
316 Bush Street
San Francisco, Calif.

Dear Sir:

Your letter of July 14 addressed to the Secretary of the U. S. Geographic Board at Washington has been forwarded to me for attention.

I note that on your new map of Humboldt County you have placed the name Thornbury Mountain on the peak near Big Lagoon which is generally known as Rodgers Peak.

What action the Geographic Board will take in the matter when the case comes up in the fall I do not, of course, know but one of the rules of the Board is not to adopt the names of living persons for geographic features, particularly for features previously named.

I am interested in the announcement of your book entitled "California's Redwood Wonderland" but do not see any mention of the price. I shall be glad to purchase a copy.

You may be interested to know that the names of two of the localities mentioned on your map have been changed by the Government Geographic Board. The original Indian name, Ketitwelbe, has been restored to the place called Phillipsville, and the name

Kenteschobe, to the Flat where Myer's Roadhouse has been built, just west of the mouth of Elk Creek.

Very truly yours,

Chairman, U. S. Geographic Board.

August 7, 1923.

Dr. E. W. Nelson
Chief, U. S. Biological Survey
Washington, D. C.

Dear Nelson:

The last time I saw you you were exp ecting to reach Lagunitas in May, but thus far no-one hereabouts seems to have seen you. Are you still in Washington or on the wing, and are you entirely well again?

We don't want to miss you when you come this way. Please let us know sometime in advance as to when you expect to arrive as we are away on field trips much of the time.

I have learned from Alaska hunters, and also from Preble, that Grizzly skulls are still arriving, and what is still more important, I have actually received from Luther Goldman two old skulls of Grizzlies from the Idaho Desert region.

I am out of small penalty envelopes for correspondence and, suspecting that Mrs. Morrison is away on her vacation, I am making the request for a fresh supply direct to you. I have plenty of return penalties but none without the return.

Hoping to see you here without fail this season, and with regards from us all,

As ever,

C. Hart Merriam

August 7, 1923.

Mr. Elmer N. Lafonso
Chico, Calif.

My dear Mr. Lafonso:

On returning from a recent trip to Humboldt Bay, Mattole River, and various other places I found your letter of July 25 from Chico awaiting attention. Apparently you came to Lagunitas to see us. We are more disappointed than I can tell that we were not home to receive you and your family and hope that sometime you will come again.

I am glad you saw Stephen Knight and had an opportunity to talk things over with him. I wish that I could have been with you.

We saw a notice of Jack Frango's death in one of the newspapers. It is sad that these old men are passing away, the only ones who know the real history of the people. I consider it very fortunate that I was able to see him and obtain material from him before too late.

On Sunday, July 22, we probably passed each other on the road between Dyerville and Garberville. I was driving north with an old Lolankok Indian, and the man I took to be your cousin was driving south. I thought I recognized him but did not see you.

I expect to see you at Chico before the end of the season. With kindest regards to you and your family, in which Mrs. Merriam and my daughter join,

Very truly yours,

C. Hart Merriam

August 7, 1923.

Mr. Lew Roscoe
Upper Mattole, Calif.

My dear Mr. Roscoe:

I hate to bother a very busy man, but I am seeking information which you can easily furnish and which I neglected to ask about when at your place a short time ago.

Is Elk Mountain Ridge the same as Rainbow Ridge shown on some of the maps?

Is Upper North South Fork the established name of the stream that joins the Mattole three or four miles above your place?

What is the name of the little stream in the gulch by your house

What is the name of the long high ridge one sees to the south when ascending the Elk Mountain grade?

Is the Indian name of your place Koon-sah-ke?

Do you happen to know whether the Indians formerly living in your region belonged to the same tribe as those on the Lower Mattole?

With kindest regards to you and your mother, in which we all join,

Very truly yours,

C. Hart Merriam

August 7, 1923.

Mr. E. A. Preble
U. S. Biological Survey
Washington, D. C.

Dear Preble:

Thanks for your letter of July 28, telling me of the receipt of two skulls from W. E. Duryea of Cook Inlet.

I shall be very glad if you will send me a memorandum of the grizzly bear skulls received since I left Washington in April. I have recently written Jackson, asking if anything had been received from Henry Stock of Richardson, Alaska.

Very truly yours,

C.

August 9, 1923.

Mr. H. R. Wagner
90 El Camino Real
Berkeley, Calif.

Dear Mr. Wagner:

It is good to know that you and Mrs. Wagner are out here in California and still better to know that you are willing to take the time to come to Lagunitas to see us. It is just as well that you did not stop when you passed for the reason that we were then on the Coast of Humboldt Bay country.

We shall be here the first half of next week and will be delighted to see you and Mrs. Wagner. Can you not lunch with us either Monday, Tuesday, or Wednesday, whichever would be most convenient for you? Suppose we leave it this way: We shall expect you on Tuesday if we do not hear from you to the contrary. If Tuesday is not convenient please phone Lagunitas and leave message with the operator and we will get it. There is only one phone at Lagunitas and it is in the store and postoffice.

Hoping to see you soon and with kindest regards to you both,

Very truly yours,

E. E. Burnham

August 10, 1923.

Miss Stella M. Drumm
Librarian, Missouri Historical Society
St. Louis, Missouri.

Dear Miss Drumm:

The willing busy people are always those who have additional work thrust upon them. Having been told that you are to be classed in this category, I am taking the liberty to ask if you can have made for me at my expense, of course, a photostat copy of the letter from Jedediah Smith to General William Clark, written in July, 1827, and published by Dale in his book on the Ashley-Smith explorations.

I have a very clear photostat copy of the copy of this letter in the files of the Indian Office at Washington. It differs in date and certain slight details from the copy as published by Dale. The question naturally arises as to whether Dale's published copy is verbatim or whether , as I suspect, he took certain liberties. Then the question of date is hard to explain. The copy in the Indian Office is dated unmistakably July 12, 1827, while the copy published by Dale is dated July 17, 1827.

Are either of these the original letter in Smith's hand writing,or is one a copy? In the latter case which is the original? Since General Clark at the time the letter was written was Super-

intendent of Indian Affairs, one would infer that the copy in the Indian Office is the original. You may be able to help me in determining this point. Have you any authentic example of the handwriting of either Smith or Clark?

I am anxious to compare the handwriting and exact forms of the text and punctuation in the two existing copies, which will explain my desire to see a photostat of your copy.

I have written an article on Jedediah Smith's route from Utah to southern California, correcting some of the errors of Dale and others. It is in connection with this article that I am anxious to determine which, if either, of the existing copies of Smith's letter is the original.

Trusting you will pardon me for troubling you with this matter,

Very truly yours,

C. Hart Merriam

August 10, 1923.

Mr. J. Eugene Law
2370 Altadena Drive
Altadena, Calif.

Dear Mr. Law:

This is only a line to acknowledge receipt of your most interesting letter of July 18 and to state that I will write somewhat fully later. We have recently returned from a long field trip in the northwest and are starting in a few days for the next trip.

The scheme you have outlined appeals to me strongly. The main question seems to be a financial one. If you can secure enough interested naturalists to put it through, you certainly are to be congratulated and will have accomplished a great thing not only for Southern California but for natural science in general.

What appears to me as an almost unsurmountable difficulty is the sad circumstance that most naturalists are poor. An institution of the kind you describe will cost a lot of money in the start and will require a certain modest income to run after it is established. Too busy to write more now.

With kindest regards to Mrs. Law and yourself in which we all join.

Very truly yours,

C. Hart Merriam

August 10, 1923.

Dr. E. W. Nelson
Chief, U. S. Biological Survey
Washington, D. C.

Dear Nelson:

When Allan Brooks was here he told me some interesting things about the range of the White-tail Deer in British Columbia. He is able to discriminate between Odocoileus leucotis and macrurus in the field and believes that the former is approaching extinction, while the latter is extending its range. He thinks he could secure specimens of O. leucotis for the Biological Survey this fall, if you write him a letter asking him to do this.

Hastily yours,

C. Hart Merriam

August 10, 1923.

Dr. Walter K. Fisher
Director, Hopkins Biological Laboratory
Pacific Grove, Calif.

Dear Walter:

Where are you and when do you return to your headquarters?

Two or three times so far this season I have phoned to Palo Alto in hopes of connecting with you, and the operator has replied that there was no answer either from your house or your laboratory, from which I inferred that you were perigrinating.

We are away on trips, as you know, most of the time when not writing up notes between trips, which makes it difficult to arrange long in advance; but we want you to bring your wife out here for a little visit and if you will let me know what days of the week you are free to be absent from Palo Alto, I will try to catch you the next time we are home.

Our last trip of sixteen days covered work in the Lower Eel and Humboldt Bay region and on South Fork Eel and also at Cape Mendocino and the Lower Mattole River, from which we returned by the new road over Elk Mountains to Dyerville in the Redwoods.

With best wishes to you both from all of us.

As ever yours,

C. Hart Merriam

Lagunitas, Calif.
August 10, 1923.

Mr. Giulio Tarallo
255 E. 125 Street
New York, N. Y.

Dear Sir:

Your letter of August 1, enclosing a blue print of the dial which you have invented, has been forwarded from Washington. It certainly is an interesting piece of work but I must confess frankly that I am not competent to judge of its practical utility and would suggest that you send it to some of our astronomers.

With best wishes,

Very truly yours,

C. Hart Merriam

Lagunitas, Calif.
August 10, 1923.

Mr. Charles S. Sloane
Secretary, U. S. Geographic Board
Washington, D. C.

Dear Mr. Sloane:

Enclosed is a letter and blue print of a dial from your friend Mr. Giulio Tarallo, with carbon of my reply.

With best wishes,

Hastily yours,

C. Hart Merriam

August 11, 1923.

Mr. W. I. Adams
Accountant, Smithsonian Institution
Washington, D. C

Dear Mr. Adams:

Herewith I am enclosing my expense account for July, amounting to $322.71, and also voucher for Miss Gertrude Becker, stenographer, for services from July 10 to July 31 at the rate of $136 per month (for which kindly fill in the amount [$5.00]), and for Zenaida Merriam, assistant, for six days, amounting to $21.

The present account is unusually heavy as it includes the purchase of three new tires and tubes to replace old ones that exploded.

During the last field trip we were gone sixteen days and covered about 800 miles, mostly in mountain country. We went down the Coast to Cape Mendocino and Mattole River in order to find an old survivor of the Mattol Tribe, whom I have heard about from other Indians for several years. I succeeded also in getting the only survivor of the Lolahnkok Tribe to go with me over the Redwood Highway in order to get the names of places along South Fork of Eel River, of which names he gave me more than eighty.

The old Mitchopdo man for whom I had hunted for five years without success until this year, when I found him and obtained priceless material, died a couple of weeks ago.

Very truly yours,

C. Hart Merriam

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Lagunitas, Marin Co., Calif.

Expense Account for July 1923.

1923			
July 3	S. F., H. S. Crocker & Co., stationery supplies	1	1 50
5	Telegram to Washington	2	1 30
6	S. F., Neal Stratford & Kerr, stationery	3	90
9	S. F. Taylor & Taylor, Printers, Sierra Separates	3½	21 00
10	S. F., Crocker & Co. 1000 page copy book	4	12 50
10	S. F., Western Auto Supply Co. 2 new tires, tubes and auto supplies	5	62 45
10-11	Sausilita Ferry & ret. 30¢, S. F. street cars 45¢		75
	S. F. Meals $4.00 baggage 25¢	6	4 45
	Cartwright Hotel, S. F., room		2 50
	Sausilita Garage, car overnight		50
11	San Rafael, gas 9 gal.@ 19¢		1 71
12	Telegram, Athol, Mass.	7	1 60
14	San Anselmo changing tires & engine oil		3 60
17-31	Auto Field Trip:		
17	Ukiah, oil		50
17-19	Willits, Auto Camp	8	1 00
19	Willits, work on car incl. new engine bearings		44 25
24	Fortuna, alemiting car & labor	9	2 40
25	Fortuna, oil & labor		2 00
28	Fortuna, vulcanizing tire		75
20-28	Fortuna Auto Camp, 8 nights	10	4 00
31	Ukiah, New Tire and tube		36 65
	Paid Indians:		
21	Fortuna, Geo. Burt Lolankok and wife		3 00
22	Fortuna, Geo. Burt		5 00
23	Geo. Burt, Fortuna.		4 00
24	Fortuna, Geo. Burt		2 50
25	Fortuna, Geo. Burt		2 00
25	Rohnerville Indians, Nekanni		1 50
26	Mrs. Coonskin Weyot		3 50
27	Old Brainard Weyot, wife & Sarah Mc Guire		5 00
29	Joe Duncan Mattol & son		6 00
30	Joe Duncan & son		6 00
21-25	Tobacco & supplies for Indians		3 40
17-31	Gas: San Rafael 7 gal @ 19¢, $1.33; Willits 8 gal. @ 23¢. $1.84; Fortuna 10 gal. @ 22¢, $2.20 Fortuna, 5 gal. @ 22¢, $1.10; Fortuna, 7 gal. @ 22¢ $1.54; Dyerville, 5 gal. @ 24¢ $1.20; Ukiah 10 gal. @ 19½¢ $1.95; San Rafael 7 gal. @ 17¢ $1.19		12 35
	Camp & hotel meals for 3 persons (self & 2 assts. Z. Merriam & G. Becker) 15 days, July 17-31 incl. at $1.00 per day each	11	45 00
	Marsh, photographic work for July	12	12 50
	Allen, Press Clippings for July		3 00
	July envelopes & postage		1 65
			322 71

August 11, 1923.

Col. George W. Stewart
Visalia, Calif.

Dear Col. Stewart:

Very many thanks for your letter of the 7th instant, containing so many interesting items concerning Dr. Cartmill's trip on Lower Klamath River in or about the year 1852.

The Doctor must have used the word 'cataract' in a somewhat different sense from that in which we commonly employ it, as there are no cataracts or falls on the Lower Klamath, and even Ishshepishshe (just above the mouth of Salmon River) is only a rapid; but there are plenty of lesser rapids and an abundance of gravel bars, over which the dug-out canoes have to be hauled at low water.

The words you give are enough to show that the Tribe was the Polikla or Lower Klamath (often called Yurok, which is not, however, their name for themselves). Of the words you mention Skolee means good, as you state, but Tennah (or Tennaw) means plenty or abundant, not big. Wahgas is the name these people apply to a tribe or nation of white people now extinct, whom they found on the Klamath when they arrived from the north. I am not familiar with the form Wahg-ai which you quote, but it may be another form of the same word.

I have recently returned from the third or fourth field trip of the season, the last one to Eel River and the Coast at Cape Mendocino and Mattole River, in the course of which I obtained a considerable quantity of good material and some additions to my maps.

When are you coming to see us at Lagunitas? If you could tell in advance when you are likely to be in this part of the State, I should be mighty glad to know for I should dislike to be away when you could come. We were gone sixteen days on the last trip and are likely to make one or two other rather long trips so that unless I know sometime in advance I might miss you.

With many thanks for the trouble you have taken in writing these interesting notes, and with kindest regards to Mrs. Stewart and to Emily when you write or see her,

Very truly yours,

C. Hart Merriam

August 11, 1923.

Mr. D. L. Thornbury
316 Bush Street
San Francisco, Calif.

Dear Sir:

Your letter of the 8th instant is at hand. I am glad to know that your book on Humboldt County will be out so soon and that you will send me a copy. If you will kindly enclose bill I will remit on receipt of same.

Lagunitas is my headquarters for about half of each year and I expect to be here between field trips until the latter part of October. I am going north in a few days but can doubtless arrange to see you a little later in the season.

Very truly yours,

C. Hart Merriam

August 11, 1923.

Dr. J. Sterling Bunnell
Physicians Building
San Francisco, Calif.

Dear Dr. Bunnell:

Thanks for your letter of the 7th instant, renewing your kind invitation to take me to the Bohemian Jinks on Saturday, August 18. I shall, of course, be very glad to go, particularly so with you. My bed roll is ready and I am glad that you will be able to come to Lagunitas. Can you not spend Sunday night with us on your return?

With best wishes,

Very truly yours,

C. Hart Merriam

August 13, 1923.

Col. James A. McGuire
Denver, Colo.

My dear Colonel McGuire:

Many thanks for your letter of the 7th instant and for your kindness in writing Mr. Minnick of Indianapolis, asking him to present the big bear skull to the National collection, which I hope he will be willing to do.

Replying to your inquiry about our method of measuring bear skulls:

The measurement known as "greatest length of skull" is taken in a straight line between two uprights, one at each end of the skull (the under jaw being removed if the under front teeth project beyond the upper ones). This measurement is of little scientific value for the reason that it varies with the age of the skull and also in some cases with the species of bear. In immature skulls and in the adults of some species the rear upright will rest against the condyles (the projection which articulates with the backbone), while in the majority of skulls it rests against the hind end of the crest, and since the posterior extension of the crest increases with age you can readily see that the measurement known as "greatest length" is often misleading.

For this reason naturalists prefer the two measurements known as basal length, one of which is from the front of the bone of the skull (not the teeth), to the notch between condyles; the other to the bridge or convexity of the condyles. Both of these measure-

ments afford a real index to the relative sizes of bear skulls.

All of the bear skulls that I obtain either by purchase or donation are at once turned in to the National Museum collection, where they are entered with the name of the collector and, if presented, are properly so credited.

Very truly yours,

C. Hart Merriam.

August 13, 1923.

Mr. I. A. Minnick
National Dry Kiln Co.
1118 East Maryland St.
Indianapolis, Ind.

My dear Sir:

Colonel McGuire, Editor of Outdoor Life, has just written me that you have the skull of an enormous Kadiak Bear which he thinks you might be willing to donate to the National Museum collection. If this is the case I hardly need assure you that your kindness in the matter would be greatly appreciated.

During the past twenty-five years I have made every effort to obtain for our National Museum skulls of Grizzlies and Big Brown Bears from all parts of North America where such bears occur, and have succeeded to such an extent that we now have more than 2,000 of these skulls. While this is a very large number there are still important gaps in the series, and we will always be glad to obtain exceptionally large skulls and skulls of fully adult animals of all species. As the collection exceeds in value and numbers all the other collections of bear skulls in the world put together, therefore, is the collection to which students will be obliged to refer for all time to come.

Should you feel disposed to present your skull to the collection, please have it carefully packed and shipped by express, charges collect, addressed U. S. Biological Survey, Department of Agriculture, Washington, D. C., where it will be properly cared for

until my return about the end of October.

Trusting you will pardon the liberty I am taking in making this request,

Very truly yours,

C. Hart Merriam

August 13, 1923.

Mr. E. E. White
1310 First Wisconsin National Bank Bldg.
Milwaukee, Wisconsin.

My dear Sir:

Replying to your letter of August, 2 forwarded from Washington, would say that I do not know any more than you do in regard to the proposed duties of the Advisory council on Indian Affairs appointed by Secretary Work.

I assume that the Secretary has no sympathy with his predecessor's attitude on Indian Affairs and that he wishes to learn the views of those of us who have first hand information about Indians, before taking any active steps in the matter.

My work during the past thirty years has been mainly with Indians in California and Nevada, while you and Doctor George Bird Grinnell and others are acquainted with the condition and needs of tribes in other parts of the west.

To my mind nothing is more absurd than the idea that a definite policy or set of rules should be promulgated to fit all of our Indians, for it must be obvious to everyone who has studies a number of different tribes that the condition, needs, and mental attitude of the various tribes are as diverse as in the case of peoples inhabiting widely remote parts of the earth. Therefore according to my point of view, each tribe or group of tribes should be treated independently.

Very truly yours,
C. Hart Merriam

August 12, 1923.

Mr. Alfred C. Gillis
Indian Board of Co-operation
3 City Hall Ave.
San Francisco, Calif.

Dear Mr. Gillis:

Again I am under obligation to you for a number of additional Wintoon names of localities, and also for the little flower which you were good enough to send.

I am not certain about the identity of this flower and therefore have sent it to a professional botanist for positive identification and will let you know later what its name is.

We have been away on a long trip in the northwestern part of the State, spending sometime on the Lower Eel, and then going to Cape Mendocino and Mattole River and back to the Highway by the new road from Upper Mattole over Elk Mountains to Bull Creek.

Can you not come to Lagunitas for a little visit this week as I shall be here until Saturday, the 18th, and if I hear from you in time will be glad to drive to Sausilita to meet you and bring you up here.

If you have left the City, please let me know when you will be in this region again as we are anxious not to miss you this time.

With many thanks for the trouble you have taken in writing and with best wishes,

Very truly yours,
C. Hart Merriam

August 13, 1923.

Mr. Dwight W. Huntington
Editor, Game Breeder
110 West 34th Street
New York City.

My dear Mr. Huntington:

In looking over the July number of the Game Breeder last evening, I happened to see your reference to a Mr. Corsan's statement that the Cotton-tail is "a rabbit imported to this country from England". You are quite right in considering it "a very different animal from the English Rabbit," and you might have added that it is a purely American product, of which we have a large number of species, extending from the Atlantic to the Pacific, and from southern Canada to Mexico.

But this eternal discussion of whether our American Rabbits are Hares or Rabbits always makes me tired. It is an inheritance based on a misconception. Our White-tail Jack Rabbit of the northern Plains, and its relative the Arctic Hare are both Hares, so far as it is desirable to perpetuate the term for any of our American species; but none of our small Rabbits (under which term may be included the Cotton-tail, the little Brush Rabbit of California, the Pygmy Rabbit of Idaho, and the Swamp Rabbits of the southeastern States) have any close relationship to the small Rabbit of Europe. Nevertheless, all are Rabbits for this is the general comprehensive name of the family, including all members irrespective of size or habits.

With best wishes for the continued success of your journal,

Very truly yours,

[Publisht in 'Game Breeder' of Nov. 1924]
pp 54-56

August 15, 1923.

Mr. J. C. Sperry
2425 Hearst Ave
Berkeley, Calif.

My dear Mr. Sperry:

Sorry I forgot to enclose the list of decisions. It is herewith enclosed.

It is mighty fine that you were able to make the Klamath River trip in the company you mention. I shall be glad to learn the latest news.

Mrs. Merriam and my daughter join in kindest regards; and it goes without saying that we shall be glad to see you at if you find it convenient to come, but in case you do, please don't fail to telephone the store in advance to find out whether we are home or away on a field trip.

Very truly yours,

C. H. Merriam

August 15, 1923.

Dr. Walter K. Fisher
Hopkins Marine Station
Pacific Grove, Calif.

Dear Walter:

Sorry to learn from your letter of the 11th that it is impracticable for you and your wife to visit us here this summer. We shall be glad, however, to see you in Washington in the winter.

Incidentally, I wish to remark that when I said I phoned you to Palo Alto, I lied. I did try to get you by phone twice at Pacific Grove. The name Palo Alto in my last letter was a slip of a cerebal cog due probably to advancing senility.

All join in kindest regards and wishes for the success of your coming trip abroad,

As ever yours,

C. H. Merriam

August 17, 1923.

Mr. Newton B. Drury
Secretary, Save The Redwoods League
Monadnock Bldg.
San Francisco, Calif.

My dear Mr. Drury:

Sorry I omitted the Geographic Decisions from my previous letter. You will find the same herewith.

Replying to your inquiry, the name Kettintelbe and all other names adopted by the U. S. Geographic Board will supersede other names for the same places on all Government maps including, of course, those issued by the Forest Service and Coast Survey, and by numerous other business map publishing concerns which follow the rulings of the Government Board. This includes Rand McNally and other prominent map publishers, and also publishers of dictionaries and encyclopedias.

But as to what such private concerns as the Belcher Title Company you mention will do, I have no means of knowing.

I shall be glad to see you when in the City.

Very truly yours,

C. Hart Merriam

August 20, 1923.

Mr. H. R. Wagner
California Historical Society
508 Wells Fargo Bldg.
San Francisco, Calif.

Dear Mr. Wagner:

Thanks for your letter of the 16th instant in relation to membership in the California Historical Society. I am returning the slip herewith, along with my check for $10.

But in regard to a talk before the Society, I am not able to commit myself at this time. This sort of thing takes a lot more time in preparation than in delivery, and for a man as far behind as I am in field work it is a serious matter to make engagements ahead for talks.

The manuscript you left with me and which I am returning herewith has proved enormously interesting, and I wish you had added a few comments. Captain Sebastian Rodriguez Sermano appears to have been approximately correct in his latitudes for Drakes Bay and the Santa Barbara Islands, but if as he states he was in latitude 42° on November 4 and after laying to on that night rounded Cape Mendocino the next day, and the follcwing day (November 6) rounded Point Reyes and anchored in Drakes Bay, he must have had an unusually swift sailing vessel.

On the other hand his description of the arms of Drakes Bay can not possibly be made to fit any other waters.

From the standpoint of early information about Indians, as well as from that of early exploration, the document certainly

has a very high value and I trust you will publish it at an early date. It was very good of you to let me have the benefit of it.

It is hardly necessary to add that we were all very glad that you brought Mrs. Wagner and Mr. Camp to see us and hope that you will come again. With kind regards and best wishes to you all,

Very truly yours,

C. Hart Merriam

August 20, 1923.

Mr. John L. Von Blon
Los Angeles Athletic Club
Los Angeles, Calif.

My dear Mr. Von Blon:

Your letter of the 16th instant is at hand.

Replying to your inquiry about the so called Mono Lake 'Shrimp' on which the Mono Piute Indians feed extensively, would say:

These so-called 'shrimp', as you doubtless know, are the larvae of a dipterous insect of the genus Ephydra. In the late summer the northwesterly winds blow these larvae ashore in great quantities along the south side of the Lake, where they are gathered and dried by the Indians; and when dry they are rubbed or rolled gently between the hands which causes the skin to crack and loosen from the inside. The larvae are then winnowed in large scoop-shaped baskets by tossing, so that the wind carries off the fragments of broken skin like chaff. The dried bodies of the larvae roughly resemble grains of rice but are very dark in color. They are preserved in baskets and are kept for a long time to mix with other food. They are very rich and oily and give a distinct flavor to the pine nut soup and other articles of food to which they are added.

Very truly yours,

C. Hart Merriam

August 20, 1923.

Dear Angie:

Zenaida tells me that she learned from you or Miss Eastwood that the first volume of Le Roy Abrams' Flora of California is published. I shall be very glad if you will kindly order a copy sent to me with bill for same.

The folks were very much impressed by the general attractiveness and fitness of your new house. With best wishes to you both,

As ever yours,

C. Hart Merriam

Mrs A. M. Ellicott
Mill Valley, Calif.

August 21, 1923.

Dr. J. R. Swanton
Editor, American Anthropologist
Smithsonian Institution
Washington, D. C.

Dear Doctor Swanton:

Thanks for the proof of my note on Erroneous Identifications of Copper Effigies. It is in excellent shape and I am returning it herewith.

This reminds me that I do not know what provision the Anthropologist makes for author's separates. I have not yet seen my note on the Nung-kahhl, which I assume was published in the last number, as my copy would naturally be in my Washington second class mail which is not forwarded. If no separates were struck off, I wonder if you could not find a copy or two among your proof sheets so that I may have something to file with my stock of personal publications. And in the case of the coming note on Copper Effigies, could I not have fifty separates at my personal expense?

The first trip after arriving in California last spring I hunted up an old Mitchōpdō Indian for whom I have searched in vain for the past five or six years. This time I had the luck to find him. He was very old and feeble but nevertheless I succeeded in obtaining a most valuable lot of material from him. A few weeks ago he died.

During the past four or five years I have made at least two trips each year to Humboldt Bay in the hope of getting the only surviving Lolankok Indian to go with me along South Fork of Eel

River in order to obtain the names of places along the route, but have always failed. This summer, however, I succeeded and obtained more than eighty geographic names from him.

During my last trip I worked with an old man named Duncan, the only survivor of the Bet-tōl' (commonly called Mat-tōl') tribe. He lives at his old home at the mouth of Mattole River, to which placehe returned after having been captured by the whites in the early fifties and taken to Smith River and thence to Hoopa Reservation. I was surprised to find that his dialect differs in hundreds of words from that of the adjoining Nekanni' of Bear River. This nearly completes my vocabularies of California Athapaskan dialects, of which I have collected eleven or twelve.

I am setting out in the morning in the hope of finding an old woman between Briceland and Shelter Cove who I am told by other Indians speaks a different dialect from any of those already secured.

With best wishes,

Very truly yours,
C. Hart Merriam

You may get a little notion of the roads we have to travel in the rugged mountains of the coast region from the circumstance that we have already worn out 3 tires (one of which we patched 5 times) and shall have to replace another in the near future.

And during the last trip we had to get a team with a 4-horse team to haul our car out of a mud hole. — CHM

August 21, 1923.

Dr. J. R. Swanton
Editor, American Anthropologist
Smithsonian Institution
Washington, D. C.

Dear Doctor Swanton:

Thanks for the proof of my note on Erroneous Identifications of Copper Effigies. It is in excellent shape and I am returning it herewith.

This reminds me that I do not know what provision the Anthropologist makes for author's separates. I have not yet seen my note on the Nung-kahhl, which I assume was published in the last number, as my copy would naturally be in my Washington second class mail which is not forwarded. If no separates were struck off, I wonder if you could not find a copy or two among your proof sheets so that I may have something to file with my stock of personal publications. And in the case of the coming note on Copper Effigies, could I not have fifty separates at my personal expense?

The first trip after arriving in California last spring I hunted up an old Mitchŏpdŏ Indian for whom I have searched in vain for the past five or six years. This time I had the luck to find him. He was very old and feeble but nevertheless I succeeded in obtaining a most valuable lot of material from him. A few weeks ago he died.

During the past four or five years I have made at least two trips each year to Humboldt Bay in the hope of getting the only surviving Lolankok Indian to go with me along South Fork of Eel

River in order to obtain the names of places along the route, but have always failed. This summer, however, I succeeded and obtained more than eighty geographic names from him.

During my last trip I worked with an old man named Duncan, the only survivor of the Bet-tŏl' (commonly called Mat-tŏl') tribe. He lives at his old home at the mouth of Mattole River, to which place he returned after having been captured by the whites in the early fifties and taken to Smith River and thence to Hoopa Reservation. I was surprised to find that his dialect differs in hundreds of words from that of the adjoining Nekánni' of Bear River. This nearly completes my vocabularies of California Athapaskan dialects, of which I have collected eleven or twelve.

I am setting out in the morning in the hope of finding an old woman between Briceland and Shelter Cove who I am told by other Indians speaks a different dialect from any of those already secured.

With best wishes,

Very truly yours,
C. Hart Merriam

You may get a little notion of the work we have to travel in the rugged mountains of the coast region from the circumstance that we have already worn out 3 tires (one of which we stuck to fix) and shall have to replace another in the near future.

And during the last trip we had to get a man with a 4-horse team to haul our car out of a mud hole. — CHM

Retake of Preceding Frame

August 21, 1923.

Miss Alice Eastwood
California Academy of Sciences
San Francisco, Calif.

Dear Miss Eastwood:

Very many thanks for your identifications of the plants I sent you a short time ago.

But I am sorry that I can not help you with the plant from which Hetchhetchy Valley is said to derive its name.

I hope you had a very interesting and successful trip to the Humboldt Bay country. We secured a fine lot of material up there about the same time or a little earlier.

Please thank your sister for her kindness in writing me that you were away.

Very truly yours,

C. Hart Merriam

August 21, 1923.

Mr. L. H. Roscoe
Upper Mattole, Calif.

Dear Mr. Roscoe:

Many thanks for your kindness in answering my questions so promptly.

It is a misfortune that we have no good topographic map of northwestern California — nothing that shows the mountains and streams with any accuracy.

With kindest regards to your mother in which my family join.

Very truly yours,

C. Hart Merriam

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Dear Vernon: August 20, 1923.

In looking over some numbers of Science Monthly I find an article by you entitled 'Sources of Water Supply for Desert Mammals'. It is a fine article and when you go home and get your separates I hope you will put aside a couple of copies for me.

There are only two points in the article which seem in any way open to criticism. The first is that the word 'considerable' is considerably overworked. The second is in regard to the well known habit of taking water from the big cactuses, especially the Wislizini Cactus, by mountain sheep, deer, and I think also antelope. This habit is so well known and has been observed by so many hunters that I was surprised at your faint allusion to it.

But your article is chucked full of information and interest, and is a real contribution to desert zoology and to a certain extent to botany. I congratulate you.

Doctor Sterling Bunnell picked me up Saturday afternoon and took me in his car to the Bohemian Jinks which came off that night, returning the next day, which happened to be both Sunday and yesterday. As usual Bunnell is overflowing with ideas and experiments with small mammals and reptiles. It is a pity he is not recording his precious observations, but he is dreadfully busy with his surgery and apart from his hospital work has four assistants in his office (one doctor, two nurses, and a private secretary).

It is so long since I have heard from either you or Florence that I am beginning to worry as to whether one of you has upset the canoe or set the woods on fire. Tell us about it.

As ever yours,

Hart

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August 29, 1923.

Sanborn, Vail & Co.
557-563 Market Street
San Francisco, Calif.

Dear Sirs:

The paper which you sent on August 25 has arrived and is entirely too big. Instead of agreeing in size with the sample given you, in spite of the fact that special stress was laid on the size, it is both broader and longer, and therefore worthless for my purposes. I am returning it herewith for trimming to agree with size of the enclosed sample, which is the same as the sample given you.

Very truly yours,

C. [illegible]

(enc. by hand as stated)

August 29, 1923.

Dr. F. A. Lucas
American Museum of Natural History
New York City.

Dear Doctor Lucas:

Yours of the 20th instant has just reached me.

Please tell Captain Bob Bartlett that the Ice Master of the Proteus during my visit to the seal fishery in 1883 was Captain Richard Pike whom he doubtless knew well.

We returned last evening from our fifth or sixth successful trip among the remnants of little known Indian tribes.

With kindest regards from us all to all of your family,

Very truly yours,

C. [illegible]

August 29, 1923.

Mr. Marcus H. Dall
The Deane School
Montecito, Calif.

Dear Marcus:

We returned last night shortly before midnight from a trip to the coast region of Humboldt and Mendocino Counties and have just received our accumulated mail, including your letter of August 19.

We are glad to know that you can come to see us. We expect to be at home all of next week while I am writing up notes from our recent field trip, and shall be pleased to have you come as early as practicable. If Marion and the children can come at the same time we shall be very glad to see them also.

If you come at once -- to save delay in writing -- leave your grip at the store opposite the station and we will go down and get it.

Very truly yours,
C. Hart Merriam

August 30, 1923.

Mr. H. R. Wagner
California Historical Society
508 Wells Fargo Bldg.
San Francisco, Calif.

Dear Mr. Wagner:

On returning from a field trip to see some Indians in the Briceland-Shelter Cove region, I find your letter of August 22 in my accumulated mail.

In regard to the talk before your Historical Society, would say that if a convenient date fits in between my field trips I may give an informal midday talk on the distribution of Indian tribes in northern California, in connection with the results of early contacts with the white invasion.

Referring again to your most interesting document on the 'Voyage of Rodriguez Sermeno', would say that from the latitude he gave as his farthest north I had assumed that he mistook Point St. George for Cape Mendocino.

With best wishes and kindest regards from us all to Mrs. Wagner,

Very truly yours,
C. Hart Merriam

August 30, 1923.

Mr. E. N. Lafonso
Chico, Calif.

Dear Mr. Lafonso:

On returning from a field trip to the Briceland-Shelter Cove region, I find your letter of the 27th instant awaiting attention.

I can not say at present just when I shall be able to go to Chico but probably not until about the end of September or sometime in October, as I am anxious to complete work over the bad roads country before the rains set in, so go ahead on your hunt and I wish you success.

We had a fine thunder and lightening storm in the Redwoods about three days ago.

With kindest regards to Mrs. Lafonso and your mother,

Very truly yours,

C. Hart Merriam

August 30, 1923.

Mr. George W. Stewart
209 East 3rd Street
Watsonville, Calif.

Dear Mr. Stewart:

On returning from a field trip to the Briceland-Shelter Cove country, we find your letter of the 27th instant among our accumulated mail.

It is good news that you can come to see us next week and you do not need to be told that we will be very glad to see you and also Mrs. Stewart if she can come. The time you mention, Wednesday, September 5, will be entirely convenient for us and we shall expect you to stay at least one night -- longer if you can spare the time.

It is good that you and Mrs. Stewart were able to make such a splendid trip as the one you describe through the Sierra.

I am writing in some haste now, as I must go to San Rafael to have some work done on our car.

With kindest regards and best wishes to Mrs. Stewart and to Emily and her husband,

As ever yours,

C. Hart Merriam

September 3, 1923.

Miss Stella M. Drumm
Librarian, Missouri Historical Society
St. Louis, Missouri.

My dear Miss Drumm:

Very many thanks for your letter of August 15, in regard to the Jedediah Smith letter of July 1827.

Acting on the information you have kindly given me, I have just written the Secretary of the Kansas Historical Society at Topeka, and I am hoping to obtain a photostat copy of the letter in their possession.

Replying to your inquiry, would say that I may publish my article on Smith's route from Utah to California in the Quarterly of the California Historical Society, and shall take pleasure in sending you a copy. Thanking you for your courtesy in the matter,

Very truly yours,

C. Hart Merriam

September 3, 1923.

Dr. Hartley H. T. Jackson
National Museum
Washington, D. C.

Dear Doctor Jackson:

Thanks for your letter of August 27, telling me about the four Grizzly skulls from Richardson, Alaska. I am glad to have this information and will write to the man who is supposed to have sent the skulls.

With best wishes,

Very truly yours,

C. Hart Merriam

September 3, 1923.

Dr. John R. Swanton
Editor, American Anthropologist
Smithsonian Institution
Washington, D. C.

Dear Doctor Swanton:

Thanks for your letter of August 27 just received.

I am very glad to know that it is your custom to have thirty or thirty-five separates struck off of material published in the Journal. This number will answer my purpose and I do not object to the matter that may fill out the pages.

Since I wrote you I have made a trip (that I have been putting off for several years) in order to secure much needed material from an Athapaskan tribe represented by only a single survivor -- a very old woman. I succeeded in obtaining the needed material, and also material from an old man of the Cokotontilka tribe, previously believed to be extinct with the exception of a single old man. This gave me an opportunity to check the two as I had already worked the other man, after hunting in vain for him for four or five years.

Very truly yours,

C. Hart Merriam

September 3, 1923.

Dr. E. W. Nelson
Chief, U. S. Biological Survey
Washington, D. C.

Dear Nelson:

Yours of August 27 at hand. Glad you will write Allan Brooks to try to secure specimens of Odocoileus leucotis for the Survey collection.

Sorry you are going to be so late in reaching California. We have not set a date for returning but expect to leave the latter part of October or early in November.

Have just returned from an interesting trip to the coast region in the neighborhood of Shelter Cove and Needle Rock in the course of which we drove to a Redwood forest containing some unusually large trees. One of these which I measured very carefully at a height of about ten feet above ground is fifty feet eight inches in circumference.

With best wishes,

Very truly yours,

C. Hart Merriam

September 3, 1923.

Professor O. McConkey
Ontario Agricultural College
Guelph, Canada.

Dear Professor McConkey:

On returning from a field trip in northwestern California, I find your letter of August 21 awaiting attention. I am glad to know that you are training your students in such a way that they will have an intelligent grasp of the fundamental principles of the distribution of animals and plants in America, as this must form the basis of successful agriculture. But I fear I shall have to disappoint you in regard to the additional information for which you ask. I have not published anything on the subject since the bulletin on 'Life Zones and Crop Zones' of which you speak, although about five years ago I prepared a fairly large scale map of the United States showing the zones. This was to have been published promptly in the Atlas of the Department of Agriculture, but owing to the war was postponed and has not yet appeared.

Rainfall and humidity maps are available but I can not put my hand on them at my summer headquarters in California. Would suggest that you write to Charles F. Marvin, Chief, U. S. Weather Bureau, Washington, D. C., for reference to authoritative maps.

Regretting that I can not help you further, and with best wishes,

Very truly yours,
C. Hart Merriam

September 3, 1923.

Secretary, Kansas Historical Society
Topeka, Kansas.

My dear Sir:

In preparing an article on the route of Jedediah Smith from Utah to Southern California in 1826, a question has arisen as to whether the copy of Smith's letter to General Clark preserved in your archives, or the one on file in the Indian Office in Washington, is the original.

The copy in the Indian Office is dated July 12, 1827 while that in your collectionsis dated July 17, according to the published statements.

I have a very perfect photostat copy of the one in the Indian Office, and should be very glad if you would kindly have a photostat copy made of yours at my expense so that I may compare the hand writing of the two and various details which in the Washington copy do not agree exactly with the copy as published by Dale. I am told that your Society is fortunate enough to possess a number of Jedediah Smith's letters. If not too much trouble, will you kindly compare the handwriting of these letters with that of the famous letter to General Clark, dated July 17, 1827, and let me know if they agree.

An early reply will greatly oblige.

Very truly yours,
C. Hart Merriam

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September 3, 1923.

Mr. H. R. Wagner
California Historical Society
508 Wells Fargo Bldg.
San Francisco, Calif.

Dear Mr. Wagner:

Your letter of August 31 is before me on my return from a field trip to the neighborhood of Needle Rock and Shelter Cove where I succeeded in obtaining much needed information from survivors of two Indian tribes.

As to the publication of my article on 'Jedediah Smith's Route From Utah to California in 1826', would say that the article and map are ready for the press except for the comparison of the two existing copies of Smith's letter to Clark, written in July 1827, which we discussed when you were here a few weeks ago. Since then I have had a letter from Miss Drumm telling me that the letter in question is believed to be in the collections of the Kansas Historical Society at Topeka. I have just writ ten the Secretary of the Kansas Society in the hope of obtaining a photostat copy, if the letter is still in existence.

Miss Drumm tells me that the Kansas Society has a number of Smith's letters. I have therefore asked the Secretary to compare Smith's letter of July 17, 1827, with their batch of Smith's letters in order to determine whether or not the handwriting is the same.

I can send you my article at once but to avoid changes in the proof it might be well to wait a few days until I hear from the Kansas Society. Do you not think this the better course?

Very truly yours,

C. Hart Merriam

September 5, 1923.

Mr. W. I. Adams
Accountant, Smithsonian Institution
Washington, D. C.

Dear Mr. Adams:

Herewith I am enclosing my expense account for August, amounting to $111.48, and also vouchers for Miss Gertrude E. Becker stenographer (August salary) $136; and Miss Zenaida Merriam (7 days) $24.50, which I shall be obliged if you will kindly pay as usual from the Harriman fund.

During the last trip to the coast I succeeded in locating and working remnants of two more tribes on the verge of extinction, and obtained a splendid lot of material. But on the way back we had serious trouble with the car. The car stopped and I spent some time in vain in trying to locate the trouble when my daughter Zenaida found that the main cable leading from the battery had broken squarely off. By means of some copper wire she made new contacts and we were able to proceed about 100 miles to a garage where we had the break welded.

About fifty miles farther on, the car again came to a sudden stop and this time we were much longer in locating the trouble, which was finally found to be in the coil. I got a ride in another car to Cloverdale where I hired a garageman with a coil for another make of car which he happened to have on hand, and after several hours delay this was attached to our car, enabling us to drive home. But it was only a makeshift and we had to buy another coil, the

proper one for our car, after returning to San Rafael.

In the course of this trip we discovered what is probably one of the largest Redwood trees in existence. We measured it carefully both going and coming; its circumference at about ten feet above the ground is fifty feet eight inches.

We drove over several mountain ranges along very narrow tortuous roads but had the good luck not to meet but one car in a bad place -- and its driver was good enough to do the backing.

I forgot to tell you that during the preceding trip, the one to Mattole River, we had to ford the River several times and got stuck in the sand and gravel and were hauled out by a man with a four-horse team. Singular to relate, he declined pay for his services, remarking that the few inhabitants of Mattole Valley tried to treat others as they would like to be treated under similar circumstances!

During the last trip we had a tremendous thunder and lightening storm but it did us no harm; and I returned in time to lunch with Mrs. Harriman and her daughter Mrs. Rumsey in San Francisco last Saturday.

Very truly yours,
C. Hart Merriam

Dr. C. Hart Merriam

Lagunitas, Marin Co., Calif.

Expense Account for August

1923			
9	Fairfax Garage, changing engine oil and labor		1 65
14	Fairfax Garage, Tire vulcanized	1	30
14	Fairfax to San Francisco, Round Trip		60
14	San Francisco, Roll gum paper 50¢; clips and eraser 40¢; oil sheets 20¢; blotters 60¢;street carfares 20¢ lunch 80¢		2 70
16	Fairfax Garage, Refilling transmission, differential and universal, grease and labor	2	3 35
16	San Anselmo, 10 gal. gas @ 17¢		1 70
20	Filler Cap for car	3	70
22-28	Auto field trip to Needle Rock Cross Roads:		
23	Ukiah, Palace Hotel, 2 rooms (and 2 assistants)	4	4 00
27	Willits Garage, Work on rear wheels and battery	5	3 50
28	Cloverdale Garage, Auto hire (20 miles) our car disabled, labor and new coil	6	18 00
28	Ukiah, Hotel Cecille, 2 rooms over night	7	7 00
28	Healdsburg & Petaluma, fixing headlight, greasing car &c		1 90
22-28	Gas: San Rafael, 8 gal. @ 17¢, $1.36;Willits, 9 @ 21¢, $1.89; Garberville, 5 @ 27¢, $1.35; Ukiah, 10 @ 18½¢, $1.85; San Rafael, 8 @ 16¢,$1.28		7 73
22-28	Camp & hotel meals. 7 days @ $1.20. self and 2 assistants		25 20
24-26	Paid Indians (Tom & Sally Bell, Needle Rock Cross Roads) 3 days		13 00
30	San Rafael, Sparrow Brothers, Remay coil & repairs to battery	8	12 05
31	San Rafael, Duffy Brothers, work on car		50
	Marsh & Co. August photographic work	9	3 50
	Allen's Press Clippings for August	to	3 00
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C. Hart Merriam

September 10, 1923.

Committee on Admissions
Cosmos Club
Washington, D. C.

Dear Sirs:

My attention has just been called to the nomination of Neil M. Judd for membership in the Club.

Mr. Judd as you of course know is an ethnologist and archaeologist of well known ability. For the past two or three years he has been conducting excavations in the Pueblo Bonito region and has made discoveries of much importance in relation to the antiquity of the early population of that attractive country. His article on the subject in the July number of the National Geographic Magazine shows his ability to give an interesting account of his work.

I have known Mr. Judd for a number of years and feel that he is the kind of man the Club needs and is in every way fitted for membership.

Respectfully,

C. Hart Merriam

September 10, 1923.

Professor Wilson Popenoe
U. S. Dept. of Agriculture
Washington, D. C.

Dear Professor Popenoe:

In accordance with your suggestion of the 4th instant, I have just written the Committee on Admissions, recommending Neil M. Judd for membership in the Cosmos Club.

Very truly yours.

C. Hart Merriam

September 10, 1923.

Miss Cristel Hastings
Mill Valley, Calif.

My dear Miss Hastings:

Your letter of August 28, forwarded from Washington, reached me today.

I regret very much that I am unable to supply the information you seek in regard to the Wawona Big Tree. Have you consulted the County History?

The only other source that occurs to me at present is Hutchings. Several editions of his book on the Yosemite appeared in the sixties and seventies, followed by his work on the Sierras. It occurs to me that his articles on the Big Trees may contain this information.

Very truly yours,

C. Hart Merriam

September 22, 1923.

Colonel James A. McGuire
Editor, Outdoor Life
Denver, Colorado.

Dear Colonel McGuire:

What is the matter with the Denver postoffice? You will observe from the enclosed that a letter which I wrote you on August 13 and which was mailed at Lagunitas the same day, addressed to you at Denver, was forwarded to the Biological Survey as unclaimed and has just reached me at Lagunitas on my return from a field trip to the California-Oregon Boundary. This will explain my apparent discourtesy in not replying to the inquiry of the measurement of bear skulls.

Very truly yours,

September 22, 1923.

Dear Doctor Stephens:

You know what I came back to, so it is not worth while to go into details concerning the ravages of the fire, which by a combination of good fortune and a army of fire fighters, left our place unharmed.

I came back from Oregon in less than 2½ days, driving 225 miles the last day and arriving home at 10:00 P. M. I was haulted by soldiers near Woodacre but allowed to proceed in a procession of soldier-laden cars which came to the turn at McLaren's place immediately below our house.

I found our vault packed to the ceiling with household valuables, besides which Elizabeth and Zenaida had taken heavy suitcases down to the store. They had been ordered out of the house and spent one night on the floor of the Lagunitas Woman's Club and another at a house across the Canyon. It was a severe strain for them. Elizabeth has just received a most loving letter from Mrs. Stephens whose kindness we all appreciate. Some of us will try to run over to see you next Tuesday or Wednesday but we can not be absolutely sure.

The daughter of Doctor Dall of Washington (sister of Marcus Dall who was with me on my last trip) is coming here with her children tomorrow on her way home from Santa Barbara. She apparently is scheduled to leave San Francisco for Washington on the 25th.

Thanks for your letter of the 14th instant which I found in my accumulated mail With love to you all.

As ever yours,

September 24, 1923.

Mr. H. R. Wagner
90 El Camino Real
Berkeley, Calif.

Dear Mr. Wagner:

Your letter of September 11 in regard to certain California Coast Indians awaited my return from the Oregon Boundary.

Most of the questions you ask are exceedingly difficult to answer and some of them I fear can not be answered at all. I will tackle them in the order in which you put them.

1. The only boats used by the Indians of Drakes, Tomales, and Bodego Bays were the Tule rafts called Balsas by the Spaniards.

2. The boats of the Channel Island Indians were of boards, but just how far north and south this anomalous type of boat extended I do not know. They surely were the kind in common use on Santa Rosa and Santa Cruz Islands. The tribe at San Luis Obispo while referred by ethnologists to the Chumashan stock was a very different tribe from the one inhabiting the shores of the Channel, and I know nothing about their boats -- if they had any.

On looking up the matter in my lexical notes on the Kah-koon Tribe of Point Sur and Carmel, I find the word Ko-no-nah (usually slurred to Ko-nōn) as the name used by this tribe for the Tule boats, the only kind they had. This would carry the Balsas along the Coast from Bodega Bay to Point Sur, south of which for a long distance I have no information.

Referring to the matter of houses of the Indians of Point

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Reyes-Drakes Bay region I find in my notes that they had three kinds, Tule houses called Lo'-kus ko'-chah, grass or straw houses called Ko'-le ko'-chah, and the large ceremonial or sweat houses called Lā'-mah, consisting of a strong wooden frame with a brush covered roof plastered over with mud. This would seem to clear up the discrepancy you mention in the descriptions of Drake and Rodriguez.

The word "tobacco" is foreign to the vocabularies of the West Coast tribes but seems to be in common use by the Spanish Americ ans. Could not the form "tobah" which you mention be merely a typographical error for "tobak". Both the Point Reyes tribe (Hoo-mon-twash) and the Monterey-Point Sur tribe used wild tobacco. The Point Reyes Indians called it O'-yen Ki'-ah, while their near relatives of Bodega Bay called it simply Ki'-ow. The Sur Indians called it Sow'-wans but I am not absolutely sure of the identity of the article. However, they smoked it in straight pipes called Hoo'-rup.

In looking over my coast vocabularies I fail to find the word "Petah" which you mention as apparently some kind of grain. The nearest approach to it in my notes is Pe-te'-lah, the Point Reyes name for the common coast Lilac (Ceanothus thyrsiflorus) the seeds of which are greedily eaten by chipmunks, but I neglected to find out whether or not they were used by the Indians. These same Indians called the common coast Huckleberries Po'-te but this would hardly answer the descriptions you refer to.

As to the Thistle, there are several native species of the genus Cirsium, the seeds of some of which I find were eaten by some of the Coast tribes north of San Francisco Bay.

Very truly yours,

September 24, 1923.

Mr. E. N. Lafonso
Chico, Calif.

Dear Mr. Lafonso:

On returning from a field trip in northwest California, in the course of which I crossed the Oregon Line, I find your letter of the 17th instant, and I am very glad to hear from you again. I can not of course go to the Auburn meeting of which you speak as the time is already passed, and should not have been able to go anyway on account of the forest fires raging in this neighborhood. For, as you may have seen by the papers, Lagunitas was in great danger of being burned out and a number of houses were burned at Woodacre four miles east of us, and one house less than a mile away.

Before reaching home my car was halted by soldiers, who let me pass when I told them that I lived at Lagunitas. Several hundred soldiers and a number of Italians have been fighting the fire on the ridge back of my house for several days but the rain has put out most of it, and we think we are safe now although small fires are still to be seen in a number of spots.

I hope you will be successful on your next hunt on which you expect to start about the 5th of October. I shall try to see you in Chico later.

With kindest regards from us all to your mother, Mrs. Lafonso, and the dear little girl,

Very truly yours,
C. Hart Merriam.

September 24, 1923.

Miss Clara Francis
Librarian, Kansas State Historical Society
Topeka, Kansas.

My dear Miss Francis:

Very many thaks for your interesting letter of the 8th instant which I find on returning from a field trip to the Oregon Line.

What you tell me about your copy of Jedediah Smith's letter to General Clark interests me enormously.

So long as it is impracticable for you to furnish me a photostat copy of your letter I fear the only alternative is to wait until my return to Washington, and then send you my copy in order that you may find out whether or not the two are in the same handwriting, and whether they agree in small details.

The Historical Society has asked me for my article in order to publish at once and I do not yet know whether they will be willing to defer until my return to Washington. It seems to me important that this detail should be correctly stated once for all.

Thanking you for your courtesy and trouble in the matter,

Very truly yours,
C. Hart Merriam.

September 24, 1923.

Mr. Robert Cushman Murphy
American Museum of Natural History
New York City.

Dear Mr. Murphy:

On returning from a field trip I find your letter of the 11th instant awaiting attention.

Don't you think it a little funny to ask a naturalist if he made any notes on a trip to the Ice, made expressly to study the habits and distribution of seals?

Yes, I made rather voluminous notes, accompanied by rough sketches, and wrote up the material for publication some years ago. The only reason I did not publish was that I hoped -- and still hope -- to obtain photographs of the Hooded Seal on the Ice.

During the past few days our Lagunitas home has been in great danger of destruction by a forest fire, but now, owing to the efforts of local fire fighters assisted by several hundred soldiers and finally by a blessed rain, we believe the danger to be over.

With best wishes,

Very truly yours,

C. Hart Merriam

September 24, 1923.

Mr. J. D. Cochran
Barkerville, B. C.

My dear Mr. Cochran:

Thanks for your letter of September 1 which I find on returning from a field trip along the Northwest Coast.

On my return to Washington I shall be glad to send you a copy of my technical work on the Big Bears.

Thanks for your kind invitation to give me a "close up with Ursus" in your district, but unfortunately I am an old man and my hunting days are over. I appreciate the invitation all the same.

I am sending to Washington a voucher for $15 for your two Grizzly skulls, a check for which should reach you before the middle of October.

With best wishes,

Very truly yours,

C. Hart Merriam

September 24, 1923.

Mr. Alfred C. Gillis
Indian Board of Cooperation
3 City Hall Ave.
San Francisco, Calif.

Dear Mr. Gillis:

The little plant you sent me sometime ago belongs to the genus Mimulus and its common name is Brownies.

I have just returned from the Oregon side of the California-Oregon boundary and drove home in 2½ days, driving 225 miles the last day. There were forest fires nearly all the way from Oregon to Marin County. The one which concerned us most deeply was on the ridge back of our house at Lagunitas. It did a good deal of damage and burned up a number of houses a few miles east of us but fortunately did not reach our place.

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With best wishes,

Very truly yours,

C. Hart Merriam

September 24, 1923.

Dear Angie:

Many thanks for your kindness in getting and forwarding Abrams Botany. It came in perfect condition and I am mighty glad to have it.

But you forgot to send a receipt which I could use as a voucher, the only thing you sent being a slip in your own name instead of mine. I am enclosing a subvoucher which please sign and return or send a copy, if you prefer.

Very truly yours,

C. Hart Merriam

Mrs. A. M. Gilbert
Mill Valley, Calif.

September 24, 1923.

Mr. Alfred C. Gillis
Indian Board of Cooperation
3 City Hall Ave.
San Francisco, Calif.

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Mrs. A. M. Gilbert
Mill Valley, Calif.

The pleasure I had in meeting you at the Bay [illegible] that we no longer put to use of lightership.

Please tell [illegible] I drove down from Oregon line in 2 days at 8 hrs. driving 225 miles the last day & arriving [illegible] for a little entertainment, eh?

Sessions halted me at Wadsworth crossing but let me through when they found out that I belonged to Angie.

Retake of Preceding Frame

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Lagunitas, Calif.
September 26, 1923.

Mr. Charles S. Sloane
Secretary, U. S. Geographic Board
Washington, D. C.

Dear Mr. Sloane:

Enclosed are two letters concerning some of the recent decisions of the Geographic Board, one from F. E. Bonner, Forest Service Engineer, the other from W. S. Graham, Manager, Snow Mountain Water and Power Company. Enclosed also are copies of my replies for your files.

In your reply to my letter of August 4 you expressed the feeling that the mountain which Mr. Thornbury named after himself should be given its Indian name. I would not recommend this for the reason that there is some doubt both as to the proper spelling of the Indian name and as to its application, as it may refer to another elevation. I tried to verify the name during a trip from which I have just returned, but failed to find the Indians who know about it. Would not the wisest course be to adopt the name Rogers Peak which is already on some of the maps, in place of either Trinity or Thornbury? I assume that it was named after one of the former heads of the Coast Survey but I am not sure whether he spelled his name "Rogers" or "Rodgers" and have no means of looking it up here at Lagunitas.

Our place has just escaped a forest fire which burned over a considerable tract of country on both sides of us and on the back side and top of the high ridge behind our house.

I am not likely to return before the end of October.

With best wishes,

Very truly yours,

C. Hart Merriam

September 26, 1923.

Dr. B. W. Evermann
Director, California Academy of Sciences
San Francisco, Calif.

Dear Doctor Evermann:

Thanks for your invitation to attend the opening of your great Aquarium. It goes without saying that I should like to be there, if practicable, but in any case please do not reserve a seat for me on the platform as I do not crave that sort of notoriety.

I have just returned from the Oregon line via the Redwood Highway, passing forest fires all the way from Oregon to Lagunitas. I made the run in two days and three hours, driving 225 miles the last day. As you of course know, our country here at Lagunitas was afire, but through the efforts of our local fire fighters assisted by several hundred soldiers and a splendid rain it did not reach our place.

The season is getting late and I am behindhand in my field work and must set out again as early as practicable, so I may not be able to be present at the Aquarium celebration. In any case I will see you before returning east.

With best wishes,

Very truly yours,

C. Hart Merriam

Lagunitas, Calif.
September 26, 1923.

Mr. W. S. Graham, Manager
Snow Mountain Water & Power Co.
216 Pine St., San Francisco, Calif.

Dear Sir:

Returning from a field trip along the Oregon-California boundary, I find your letter of the 19th instant awaiting attention.

You are mistaken in thinking that the decisions of the U. S. Geographic Board are "tentative". They are final unless reversed, but are subject to reconsideration in cases where sufficient reason is given.

You urge that the two streams meeting at Dos Rios remain as on the Mendocino County map, namely, Middle Eel River and South Eel River. May I ask what in this case becomes of the main Eel?

More than 25 years ago the Government Board adopted a set of principles, one of which was that only one name should be applied to a stream throughout its entire length, and that this name should follow up the longest branch. Irrespective of this rule, which has been followed for so many years, I think you will admit that the repetition of compass names in the case of Eel River is most unfortunate and confusing, particularly to persons not resident of the region. Is it not difficult to grasp the necessity for a South Fork of Eel River, a South Fork of Middle Eel River, and a South Eel River (either with or without the word Fork)?

Decisions covering these points have already been made by the Board and can not be changed unless the Board sees reason to vote a reconsideration. The Board, however, is always willing to listen to an argument for reconsideration.

Very truly yours,

C. Hart Merriam

Chairman, U. S. Geographic Board.

Lagunitas, Calif.
September 26, 1923.

Mr. F. E. Bonner, District Engineer
U. S. Forest Service
San Francisco, Calif.

Dear Mr. Bonner:

Returning from a field trip in the northwestern corner of California I find your letter of September 12 awaiting attention.

Your office admits the desirability of discarding the name South Fork of Middle Eel River but objects to the restoration of its Indian name Poopoteyuk on the ground apparently "that there appears to be no local information among the white residents as to the suitability of the name." Does not this apply with equal force to almost every one of the thousands of Indian names now in use in various parts of the United States?

I am wondering whether your office objects to the restoration of Indian names to geographic features, or whether it is merely the name of this particular stream that is objected to. I have not encountered opposition to any names of this kind in the Bay region -- such as Napa, Sonoma, Olema, Olumpali, Petaluma, and so on, which were early established. On the other hand, it is the experience of the Board that opposition almost always arises to any change of name, particularly among the local residents.

However, the Board is always willing to listen to argument, and a reconsideration.

Very truly yours,

Chairman, U. S. Geographic Board.

September 24, 1923.

Dear Mr. Wagner:

During the early stages of the forest fire which has recently ravaged part of our beautiful region, I was engaged in field work on the California-Oregon Boundary. I drove home in two days and three hours, driving 225 miles the last day. When passing Woodacre, I was halted by a body of soldiers who on learning that I lived at Lagunitas allowed me to pass. Through the efforts of several hundred of these soldiers, seconded by our local fire fighters and a most fortunate rain, the advance of the fires has been stopped, and we trust the danger is passed.

We appreciate your courtesy and thoughtfulness in writing and phoning.

We deeply sympathize with Doctor Camp and the many others who lost so much during the terrible conflagration at Berkeley. It was one of the most dreadful calamities I ever heard of.

With kindest regards to Mrs. Wagner from all of us,

Very truly yours,

Mr. H. R. Wagner
90 El Camino Real
Berkeley, Calif.

September 27, 1923.

Mr. H. R. Wagner
California Historical Society
508 Wells Fargo Bldg.
San Francisco, Calif.

Dear Mr. Wagner:

Your letter of the 25th instant arrived this morning, and in compliance with your request I am enclosing herewith my article on Jedediah Smith's crossing to Southern California.

You will remember that I held it up in the hope of obtaining final information as to whether the two existing copies of Smith's letter to General Clark agreed with one another, and if so which was the original. In this I have been only partly successful, as you will see from the footnote on page 14 of the accompanying manuscript. Two rather important points however are cleared up by Miss Francis of the Kansas Historical Society: (1) That the date of the letter in General Clark's letter book is July 12, not July 17 as printed by Dale; (2) That the letter in General Clark's letter book is not in the handwriting of Jedediah Smith.

I am planning additional field trips and shall be greatly obliged if you will kindly let me know about how soon proof may be expected.

Very truly yours,

E. [illegible]

EARLIEST CROSSING OF THE DESERTS OF UTAH AND NEVADA TO SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA: ROUTE OF JEDEDIAH S. SMITH IN 1826.

By C. Hart Merriam

In the early fall of 1826 the venturesome explorer and fur-trader, Jedediah S. Smith, led a small party on horseback from Great Salt Lake, Utah, to San Diego, California. He appears to have been the first white man to cross the vast expanse of unknown deserts between the Rocky Mountain region and southern California, as he was also the first to cross the Sierra Nevada, which he did in May of the following year.[1]

There is some doubt as to certain details of the route, but in his letter to General William Clark, of Lewis and

[1] Sierra Club Bull., Vol. XI, No. 4, pp 375-379, June 1923.

Clark fame, written July 12, 1827,[2] he states: "My general

[2] Smith's letter to General William Clark, Superintendent of Indian Affairs, from which the quotations in the present article are taken, is preserved in the archives of the Office of Indian Affairs at Washington. It is written in a remarkably clear hand and is dated "Little Lake of Bear River, July 12th, 1827."

Dale in his book entitled "The Ashley-Smith Explorations" (pp 186-194, 1918) published what is believed to be a copy of the same letter, as contained in the letter book of General William Clark, still preserved in the archives of the Kansas State Historical Society at Topeka. As printed by Dale the letter is dated July 17, 1827, but I am informed by Miss Clara Francis, Librarian of the Kansas Historical Society, that this is an error. Miss Francis writes: "I note that you mention the discrepancies in date. I suppose that has come through transcribing or poor proof reading for this letter, under my hand at this moment, is dated July 12th, and the 2 is utterly unlike the 7 in the year 1827. So there could be no possibility of its being July 17." Miss Francis adds the important information that the letter "in the letter book of General William Clark is not an original letter from Jedediah Smith", and goes on to say: "We have some original letters and the writing is utterly unlike."

In this connection I wish to record my obligation to Miss Francis and also to Miss Stella M. Drumm, Librarian of the Missouri Historical Society at St. Louis, both of whom have contributed valuable information bearing on this subject.

September 27, 1923.

Mr. J. Eugene Law
Care Museum Vertebrate Zoology
Berkeley, Calif.

Dear Mr. Law:

Your letter dated at Altadena September 22 reached me this noon, and I hasten to reply.

I happen to be at home between trips, having recently returned from the Oregon line, and expect to be here until October 3 or 4. I am too busy writing up notes from the last trip to admit of going to San Francisco unless the necessity therefor were exceedingly urgent.

The most practicable way to get together would seem to be for you and Mrs. Law to come out here to lunch on Tuesday, October 2. You do not say whether or not you have your car. If you have, you would naturally come by the Richmond-San Rafael Ferry; if not, you will have to come on one of the two morning trains, the first of which leaves Ferry Building, San Francisco, at 8:15, the other at 9:15. You had better inquire about the trains in advance for the reason that certain trains are sometimes dropped on October 1, but no new time table has thus far been issued, so that we have no means of knowing what is going to happen on the first. The 8:15 morning train however seems to be a standby and so far as I remember has never been changed.

It will be fine to see you again. With best wishes from us all.

Very truly yours,

September 28, 1923.

Mr. Newton B. Drury
Secretary, Save The Redwoods League
Monadnock Building
San Francisco, Calif.

My dear Mr. Drury:

The big Redwood tree on the road from Briceland to the Coast which I spoke to you about the other day is about nine miles (exactly 8.8 by my odometer) from Briceland. It is in a Redwood flat on the south side of the road. This flat is traversed by a small creek, which is crossed by a bridge a few rods farther on. A short distance north of the road is Mattole River.

Just before reaching the big tree you will notice on the north side of the road an attractive small meadow, bordered by Douglas Spruce. A trail leads from this meadow to Mattole River which it reaches at a picturesque spot among large rocks.

I am enclosing photographs of the tree which however are not very good as I did not take time to set up the tripod.

Very truly yours,

September 28, 1923.

Marsh & Co.
712 Market St.
San Francisco, Calif.

Dear Sirs:

Herewith I am enclosing two negatives. One of these is of an old Indian woman, the other is a picture of an Indian woman and two children. Your printer seems to have been looking out of the window when he did the printing of the woman with the children, as he cut off the left side of the face in both the small prints and the three enlargements. There is little enough margin on the negative and I want of course all that it is possible to get of the face.

From both of these negatives please send three prints each 2¼ x 3¼, and also three each postal size -- all good strong prints.

Very truly yours,

C. Hart Merriam

September 28, 1923.

Mr. & Mrs. Sam Lopez
Smith River, Del Norte Co., Calif.

Dear Friends:

The photographs I took of Mrs. Lopez and her mother with two of the children came out very well, and I am enclosing prints herewith. Sorry the whole family was not there.

The forest fires continued all along the road home. I drove 225 miles the last day, arriving home at ten o'clock at night. When within three or four miles of my house I was held up by a bunch of soldiers who told me that Lagunitas was on fire and that a number of houses had been burned within three or four miles. Several hundred soldiers and thirty or forty Indians were fighting the fire on the ridge back of my house. After a couple of days a heavy rain came and put out the fire, for which we all are very thankful. The fire did not reach my place and did not burn any houses right here at Lagunitas, although it did burn a number not far away.

I hope to see you all again some of these days, but not this fall as I have all I can do in other parts of the State before returning to Washington.

With kind regards and best wishes to you all

Very truly yours,

C. Hart Merriam

September 28, 1923.

Mr. Joe Duncan & Mr. Ike Duncan
Petrolia, Humboldt Co., Calif.

Dear Friends:

Since I left you about the end of July I have been on several interesting trips, the last of which was to the coast region on the California-Oregon boundary. When I returned I found a big forest fire raging here at Lagunitas. It was burning on the ridge back of my house, and a number of local men and also a troop of soldiers were fighting it. It burned a number of houses but did not reach our place, and was put out by a heavy rain which came just at the right time.

Enclosed you will find prints of the best photographs I took of you. With best wishes to you both from us all

Very truly yours,

C. Hart Merriam

September 28, 1923.

Mr. George Burt
Fortuna, Humboldt Co., Calif.

Dear Friend:

Enclosed is a print of the last photograph I took of you; I thought you might like to have it.

I stopped at your house a week or ten days ago on my return from the Oregon line, but your house was closed and nobody there. When I returned I found a big forest fire raging here at Lagunitas. It was burning on the ridge back of my house and a number of local men and also a troop of soldiers were fighting it. It burned a number of houses but did not reach our place, and was put out by a heavy rain which came just at the right time.

Hoping that you and your wife are well, and with best wishes

Very truly yours,

C. Hart Merriam

September 28, 1923.

Mr. Tom Bell & Mrs. Sally Bell
Kenny, Mendocino Co., Calif.

Dear Friends:

Your photographs came out very well and I am sending copies to you herewith.

Since I left you I have been to visit Indians on the Coast along the California-Oregon boundary. When I returned I found a big forest fire raging here at Lagunitas. It was burning on the ridge back of my house and a number of local men and also a troop of soldiers were fighting it. It burned a number of houses but did not reach our place, and was put out by a heavy rain which came just at the right time.

With best wishes to you both from us all

Very truly yours,

C. Hart Merriam

September 29, 1923.

Adjutant General
Sacramento, Calif.

Dear Sir:

Recently I have been informed that your office has published a work entitled "California Men in the [Civil] War" which was said to contain information concerning some of the tribes of California Indians.

I am anxious to procure a copy, and if you will kindly have one sent to me at Lagunitas with bill for same, I shall be greatly obliged, and will remit by return mail.

Very truly yours,

C. Hart Merriam

September 29, 1923.

Miss Dorothy H. Huggins
California Historical Society
508 Wells Fargo Bldg.
San Francisco, Calif.

Dear Miss Huggins:

Your letter of yesterday is at hand, telling me that you had sent the printer my article on Jedediah Smith, and that the proof is expected promptly. This is good news, as I am anxious to start as soon as possible on my next field trip.

But the second part of your letter rather appals me. I expect to start on another field trip immediately after reading the proof of the Jedediah Smith article, and could not think of promising to give a talk on October 17. And irrespective of the date, I had no thought of giving an "address" but merely a most informal talk.

Very truly yours,

C. Hart Merriam

September 29, 1923.

Mr. Henry Stock
Richardson, Alaska.

Dear Sir:

Your letter of April 19 reached me in August and the four bear skulls which you mentioned have arrived at the National Museum.

I have not seen them as I have been at work during the summer in California, but a letter from the Biological Survey tells me about them. They appear to be worth about $25, and I am sending in to the Smithsonian Institution a voucher for that amount. The check will be mailed to you early in October.

Very truly yours,

C. Hart Merriam

September 30, 1923.

Mr. W. I. Adams, Accountant
Smithsonian Institution
Washington, D. C.

Dear Mr. Adams:

Enclosed is my expense account for September, amounting to [illegible], and also vouchers for J. D. Cochran (Barkerville, B. C.) two Grizzly bear skulls amounting to $15, Henry Stock (Richardson, Alaska) four big bear skulls amounting to $25, and Miss G. E. Becker, stenographic services September 1 to 27 at $136 per month (kindly fill out the amount).[$122.40]

On this last trip I took with me as field assistant Marcus Dall who agreed to go for expenses, so there is no salary voucher for him.

During the past month there have been terrible forest fires in various parts of California. During a recent auto trip to the Oregon line, I was close to forest fires for more than 400 miles, and in one case drove swiftly through a tongue of the fire which was burning along the road.

Just before reaching home at ten o'clock at night (having driven 225 miles that day) I was halted by soldiers, but allowed to proceed when I told them where I lived. They said that Lagunitas was on fire, and that troops and civilians were fighting it on the ridge back of my house. The fire in this neighborhood continued for about a week, and it is said that 33 houses were burned in the settlement of Woodacre, three or four miles away, and a few others still nearer, but Lagunitas escaped. This was due partly to the

concentration of several hundred soldier fighters and between 30 and 40 Italian experienced fire fighters along our ridge, aided at the time by a splendid rain. On two days, before my return, my family were ordered out of the house. Most of the women in the settlement went to San Francisco but my folks spent one night on the floor of the building at the bottom of the Canyon, and another night in a house on the opposite side. So you see there has been plenty of excitement here of late.

On my last trip I drove more than 800 miles to obtain material from an Athapaskan tribe in the extreme northwestern corner of California, thus completing my vocabularies of a dozen Athapaskan tribes inhabiting this State.

Very truly yours,

C. Hart Merriam

Dr. C. Hart Merriam

Lagunitas, Marin Co., Calif.

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1923		Expense Account for September		50
Sept.	1	Fairfax Garage, Adjusting brakes		1 00
	11	Return Trip, Sausalito to San Francisco, 30¢ street carfares 20¢, Sausalito Garage, 50¢		25
	11	Can LePage's Glue		1 40
	12-19	Auto Field Trip to Oregon Line and Return:		2 00
	12	Santa Rosa, lunch, self and assistant(Truckee)		
	12	Cloverdale Garage, spark plug and work on car		7 00
	13	Hotel Willits, supper, lodging & breakfast, self and assistant	1	1 50
	13	Willits Garage, work on car		3 50
	14	Richardson Grove, supper & breakfast, self & asst.		2 50
	14	Eureka Inn, Supper, self & asst.	2	5 50
	15	Eureka Inn, Room, self & asst.		1 45
	15	Eureka Inn, Breakfast, self & asst.	3	7 60
	15	Eureka Garage, oil, grease & labor		75
	15	Klamath River Ferry (Requa)		
	16	Crescent City, Travelers Hotel: supper, lodging, & breakfast, self & asst.	4	5 80
	18	Requa, Klamath Inn, supper, lodging & breakfast self & asst.	5	4 00
	18	Klamath River Ferry (Requa)		75
	19	Santa Rosa, supper, self & asst.		1 35
	13-19	22 Camp Meals @ 40¢ (11 each, self & asst., 7 lunches, 13, 14, 15, 16, 17, 18, 19; 2 breakfasts, 17, 19; 2 suppers 16, 18.)		8 80
	12-19	Gasoline: San Rafael, 10 gal. @ 14¢, $1.40; Willits, 9 gal @ 18¢, $1.62; Eureka, 9 gal @ 15¢, $1.35; Crescent City, 9 gal. @ 21¢, $1.89; Willits, 15 gal @ 18¢, $2.70; San Rafael 7 gal. @ 14¢, $.98	6	9 94
		Marsh & Co. Photographic work for Sept.		28 76
		Postage for month of September	7	1 00
		Allen's Press Clippings for September	8	3 00
	20	Abrams' Illustrated Flora Pacific States, Vol.1	9	10 50
	25	Fairfax Garage: Grease and labor for car	10	2 70
	8	Sanborn Vail & Co. 2,000 sheets Bond type paper		7 78
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thirty-~~three~~

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~~98.55~~

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Oct. 1, 1923

Agent Standard Oil Co
Point Reyes, California

Dear Sir:

Ten days or more ago we sent you a postal asking you to refill our Kerosene tank at Lagunitas, but as you have not come we fear the card miscarried.

I hope you will be able to come within a day or two.

Very truly yours,

C. Hart Merriam

Oct. 1, 1923

Mailliard & Schmiedell
203 California Street
San Francisco, Calif.

Dear Sirs:

The Insurance on my house at Lagunitas(Atlas Policy No. 2902269) expires on the 5th of this month, and I shall be obliged if you will renew for a period of three years, as usual.

But I would like to increase the insurance on the house from $4,000 to $5,000. The house cost me more than $4,000 twelve years ago, when the cost of building was less than half what it is now. Furthermore, two building-contractors who have been here tell me that I could not replace it for $10,000. So it is evident that I need more protection.

But there is one clause in the printed Policies which renders them worthless to me: I refer to the clause providing that the Company is not liable if the building is vacant more than ten consecutive days. Please have this clause canceled. If you can not do this, kindly wire me at once and I will look elsewhere.

Very truly yours,

C. Hart Merriam

Oct. 2, 1923

Mr H. R. Wagner
508 Wells Fargo Bldg
San Francisco

Dear Mr Wagner:

Thanks for the proof, which came with remarkable promptness and is in excellent shape. It is returned herewith. Am enclosing also copy and proof of a couple of obituaries that were with my proof.

Will you kindly arrange to have 50 separates of my Jedediah Smith article struck off at my expense.

I expected to start on another field trip today, but have decided to wait for page proof.

As to the talk before your Society: Will let you know as soon as I know when I shall be home--which always depends on how the Indians "pan out".

Very truly yours,

E. [illegible]

Oct. 6,1923

Oliver Oil-Gas Burner Co.
St Louis, Missouri

Dear Sirs:

In response to my inquiry about your burner for a hot water FURNACE you have sent me a lot of stuff about burners for COOKING STOVES--in which I am not in the least interested.

I am inquiring with reference to the Hot water Furnace in my house, 1919 16th Street, Washington, D.C.

The house has 12 rooms, is on an exposed corner, and is of brick. It is hard to heat.

Please inform me: Have you an Agent in Washington?

How much kerosene is burned per hour of operation by your burners No. 30, 40, and 60 respectively? I find nothing in the literature recieved to base a calculation on as to the expense of operation.

Please send reply to me at Lagunitas, California, as I do not expect to return to Washington till about the end of the present month.

Very truly yours,

C. Hart Merriam

Oct. 6,1923

Rev. F.G.Collett
Indian Board of Cooperation
San Francisco, California

My dear Mr Collett:

Thanks for your letter of September 22, which awaited my return from a recent trip to the Oregon line.

We shall be glad to be present during at least a part of the Conference beginning October 22, provided this fits in with our field work--which has been interrupted by the too abundant rains.

Am glad to see the Indian Herald of July, but have recieved only one copy, instead of the three subscribed for. Kindly have the other two sent me, and oblige,

Very truly yours,

C. Hart Merriam -

Oct. 6, 1923

Mr S. L. Hoffman
and
Miss Pearl Chase
Santa Barbara Indian Defense Association

Dear Friends:

Your letter of the 3d instant, asking me to accept membership as one of your Advisory Committee, reaches me between field trips. I am glad to accept, for the reason that my personal knowledge of conditions among the Indians of the northern part of the State may be of service in connection with efforts to secure better treatment from their white neighbors, and also from Congress.

Very truly yours,

C. Hart Merriam -

Oct.7,1923

Standard Oil Company
SanFrancisco, Calif.

Dear Sirs:

On or about September 20 we wrote your Agent at Point Reyes asking him to refill our kerosene tank here at Lagunitas.

He failed to come, so on October 1,I wrote him again, but he still stays away and I am obliged to buy kerosene locally and cart it up to the house at increased cost and trouble.

We do all our cooking and part of the heating, and run a Delco electric plant on kerosene, so you may imagine what it means to be deprived of the supply.

And moreover, the dregs in the bottom of the tankhave clogged the Delco engine so badly that I have not yet been able to start it.

If you have any means of sending me some kerosene at once I shall be greatly obliged.

Very truly yours,

C. Hart Merriam

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Lagunitas, Calif.
Oct. 6, 1923

Mr George F. Cram
President, Cram Map Publishers
111 North Market St., Chicago

Dear Sir:

Replying to your letter of September 28, forwarded to me from Washington, would call your attention to the enclosed statement concerning the name of Mount Rainier.

This I trust will answer your question as to why the name Rainier is retained by the unanimous vote of the U.S. Geographic Board.

Very truly yours,

C. Hart Merriam

Chairman

Oct.7,1923

Dear Miss Clemence:

Your letter of October 1 came this morning.

I am glad to know that you are finding good material in the files of old California newspapers.

Check for $3.60 in reinbursement of expenditure for supplies, is enclosed herewith.

Yes, the folks had a good scare at the time of the fire. I was at work with Indians on the California-Oregon line and therefore knew nothing about it till held up by soldiers 3 miles from home on the way back. Mrs M and Zenaida slept in their sleeping bags on the floor of a building at the bottom of the canyon one night, and in a house up on the opposite side another. They had been ordered to leave Lagunitas with the other women, but would'nt go. They stacked our vault chuck-full of household duds, on top of my notes, maps, and vocabularies.

On the last trip--the only one this year without Mrs M and Z--I did a good job with the northernmost California Athapaskan thibe, the Hah'-wun-kwut, thus getting the material necessary for the completion of my classification of this group.

It is raining here now about every night and some days also--not encouraging for field work. We may return to Washington about the end of the month.

Have you found anything promising in the way of an office?

Very truly yours,

C. Hart Merriam

Oct.6,1923

Mailliard & Schmiedell
203 California Street
San Francisco, Calif.

Dear Sirs:

Thanks for yours of the 4th instant, enclosing Atlas Policy No S-38466 on my house at Lagunitas,for three years ending Oct.5,1926

This is entirely satisfactory, and I am enclosing herewith my check on Crocker Bank for $73.75 in payment.

Thanking you for your trouble in the matter,

Very truly yours,

C. Matt Harrison

Mr F. E. Bonner, Engineer
Forest Service, San Francisco

Oct. 8, 1923

Dear Mr Bonner:

Recently a man starting for Orleans asked me where Orick was located and showed me a Forest Service map having the name SWAN in stead of Orick on the place where Orick is. How do you account for this?

And I notice that the ultra-technical ethnological spelling "Hupa" is used instead of the usual American spelling, Hoopa; and Mt Konocti instead of Konokti.

And why should your office in printed matter intended for the enlightenment of tourists refer to Hoopa Valley as "The home of the Hupa, the most magnificent of all California Indians"!

Please do not imagine that I am trying to "stick pins" in the Forest Service--a Service for which I have the highest regard, but I feel that you will be glad to have your attention called to such slips in detail as those above mentioned.

Very truly yours,

C. Hart Merriam

Oct. 9, 1923

Mr H. R. Wagner
90 El Camino Real
Berkeley, California

Dear Mr Wagner:

Thanks for your letter of yesterday, which reaches me just as we are packing the car for the trip north.

I will phone Miss Huggins as you suggest; do not expect to be gone more than a week--or ten days at most.

About the separates: Kindly have the pagination exactly as in the Quarterly--not repaged. I like to have separates unchanged, so they may be quoted or referred to by the original pagination--thus saving valuable time to all who use them.

Very truly yours,

C. Hart Merriam

Oct. 16, 1923

Standard Oil Company
Mr L. H. Roberts

Dear Sir:

Referring to your letter of the 9th instant would say that it is now October 16th and not one drop of kerosene has been delivered to my tank. I wrote your agent at ~~fkm~~ Point Reyes nearly a month ago, and again on October 1; and wrote you on October 7,but so far without result.

If your company is not in a position to deliver kerosene to customers as heretofore, one might expect to be notified of the fact and not be kept in daily expectation of having his tank filled and put to the expense and trouble of purching the needed supply locally.

If you cannot deliver, I shall be obliged to make other arrangements, and shall be obliged if you will inform me as early as possible.

Very truly yours,

[illegible]

Nov.8,1923.

Dear Mr. Dickey:

You and your good wife have doubtless branded this branch of the Merriam family as both dilatory and ungrateful in not replying earlier to your letter of Oct.8,which we found on returning from a field trip in the north.

Since then, I have been so overwhelmed with pressing work that it has been impossible to write any letters. I spent about a week attending an Indian conference , in connection with which I brought two batches of Indians to our home here at Lagunitas; the last batch stayed a week and left only two days ago.

In view of the fact that I have been working from half-past six every morning until between nine and ten in the evening, you may infer that it was impossible to decide on plans for the future, and equally impossible to write letters. All of this by way of apology.

Mrs. Merriam, Zenaida and myself appreciate your kind invitation to visit you and shall be very glad to spend a night with you if you are in Pasadena at the time of our return. But unfortunately, we can not yet set a date.

On the other hand, should you and Mrs. Dickey come to the Bay region before we go, we hope you will give us the pleasure of a little visit here at Lagunitas. We shall be here at least ten days longer, although if the weather is good I may

be away a day or two on a field trip. By telephoning Lagunitas you can always learn whether or not we are at home. There is only one telephone in the community and it is at the store and postoffice near the station.

Your trip to Laysan must have been a great experience but it is sad to know what you tell me of the results of the ravages of rabbits on the island.

I have not had time to go to Berkeley this year but hope to do so before returning east, and shall be mighty glad to see Grinnell's wolf skull fromCalifornia. And speaking of skulls, it is hardly necessary to add that I hope you will secure the Monterey Grizzly skull of which you spoke.

The photograph for which you ask I think I can dig up on my return to Washington.

With best regards to your mother, your wife and yourself from all of us, and still hoping that we may see you here before returning,

Very truly yours

Mr.Donald R.Dickey
514 Lester Ave.,
Pasadena,Calif.

Nov.8,1923.

Dear Mr.Law:

Your letter of Oct 11 reached me in due time, as we still continue to visit Lagunitas between field trips. Since then I spent a week attending an Indian conference, in connection with which I brought back to Lagunitas two batches of Indians, the last remaining until two days ago. So you see I have not had time to write. And furthermore, am not yet able to set a date for our return to Washington. It is probable, however, that we shall leave here in ten days or so and I still hope to spend a day or two in Southern California on the way. If so, we shall surely accept your tempting invitation.

Your suggestion that the printed decisions of the U.S.Geographic Board bear a serial number strikes me as excellent, and I will lay it before the Board on my return to Washington. Very truly yours

C. Hart Merriam

Mr.J.Eugene Law,
2376 Altadena Drive,
Altadena,Calif.

Nov.8,1923.

Hon.Hubert Work
Secretary of the Interior,
Washington D.C.

My dear Dr. Work:

Referring to your letter of Oct.8 in regard to the meeting of the Advisory Committee on Indian Affairs to be held in Washington Dec 12, next, would state that I expect to be present and shall be greatly interested in the outcome.

I have just completed about seven months field work among the Indians of California, in the course of which I have obtained much additional material that may be of service in relation to Indian affairs in this State.

Very truly yours

C. Hart Merriam

P.S. May I express the hope that the proposed allotment of lands to the Palm Spring Indians has been indefinitely postponed.

Nov 8th, 1923.

My dear Miss Keep:

Please pardon my delay in replying to your letter asking me to give a talk to the students of your college. At the time it came and for some time afterward, I was away working with Indians: And on my return attended a week's conference with Indians, several of whom returned with me to my home where they remained another week. The result of all this is that today is the first day I have had an opportunity to write any letters.

Owing to the pressure of unfinished work, and the additional fact that I am overdue in Washington at the present time, I am obliged to decline your invitation.

Very truly yours

C. Hart Merriam

Rosalind A.Keep
Chairman Campus
Activities Committee
Mills College P.O.
California

Nov 8th, 1923.

Mr. Lewis James,
Sites,
California.

Dear Mr. James:

Your letter reached me in due season and I was very sorry that you were not able to come to our place. Since then we have had visits from a number of Indians from various places in the Northern part of the State; two from Pit River who spent a week with us have just gone home.

We are hoping that you will be able to come to us at some time next year.

Inclosed with this you will find the pictures I promised to send you of the coyote that swallowed you at Grindstone. You were so deeply embedded in his interior, that you will hardly recognize yourself.

With best wishes to yourself and to Jesse Berryessa and George Bill,

Very truly yours

C. Hart Merriam

Nov 8th, 1923.

Nov 8, 1923.

Dr. Charles Lummis:
200 E Avenue 43
Los Angeles, Calif.

Dear Mr. Lummis:

Returning from a recent trip I found your attractive announcement of your book of Fourteen Spanish Songs. I want two copies and shall be obliged if you will have them sent to my Washington address, as indicated on the accompanying slip. My check for $3.00 is inclosed.

For years I have known that you were at work in securing these songs for permanent preservation, and I want to congratulate you on having finally accomplished this desirable purpose.

Hoping to see you again next season, and with best wishes for your continued good health,

Very truly yours

C. [illegible]

Nov 8, 1923.

Mr. Stephen Parish,
Point Arena,
California.

Dear Mr. Parish:

Your letter came while we were away on a trip in the north and therefore did not reach me until some time afterward. We were very glad to hear from you.

We made a number of trips to the north this year and worked at different points along the Coast from Oregon line to Mattole River and the Shelter Cove and Needle Rock, and also did some work in the interior. This took so much time that we were not able to go to the Point Arena country. Next year, however, we hope to go there and see you.

Two weeks ago I attended the Indian Conference at San Francisco, after which I brought several of the Indians to my home at Lagunitas.

We expect to return to Washington in a few days but hope to be out again early next spring.

My wife and daughter are very glad to know that you are well, and join me in kindest regards and best wishes,

Very truly yours

C. [illegible]

Nov.8,1923.

Dear Mr.Jaeger:

Your letter of Oct.20 has been forwarded to me here fromWashington.

The man, Frank X. Holsner, concerning whom you are seeking information, was at one time a well known mammal collector. I think he was a soldier and that he collected for the late Dr.Edgar A.Mearns. You can doubtless obtain reliable information about him by addressing,

Gerritt S.Miller
Curator of Mammals,
U.S. National Museum.

Very truly yours

Mr.Edmund C.Jaeger,
Riverside Junior College,
Riverside,Calif.

Nov.8,1923.

Dear Mr.Bonner:

Thanks for your letters of Oct 10 and Oct 15, which I found on returning to Lagunitas.

I am entirely willing to ask the Geographic Board for a reconsideration of the name "Poopoteyuk".

I agree with you in the feeling that the decisions of the Geographic Board would be vastly more useful if arranged by states. This matter has been discussed for some years and the Board has hoped that the small appropriation for printing might be increased sufficiently to add to the general list a special list arranged by states,as in the case of the postoffice guide. We all agree as to the advisability of this, but as yet, have not had the means either to print such a list or to prepare it for publication, all of the labor in connection with the work of the Board being done by individual members. We have no paid secretary and no clerk of any description. The only money appropriated by Congress being for the publication of the list of names in its present form. We are still hopeful, but the everlasting cry for economy in appropriations, and the absence of political pressure, work against us.

With best wishes,

Very truly yours

Lagunitas, Calif.
Nov. 8, 1923.

Dear Sir:

Referring to your letter of Oct8, which I found on my return from a field trip, would say that in accordance with your request, on my return to Washington, I will bring before the Geographic Board your suggestion of a reconsideration of the action of the Board in the matter of certain forks of the Eel River. Meanwhile, I would suggest that you write the Board giving your reasons for requesting the reconsideration.

The next meeting of the Board will be held during the first week of December . I expect to be in Washington at that time.

Very truly yours
C. Hart Merriam
Chairman

Mr.W.S.Graham
General Manager
Snow Mountain Water & Power Co.
216 Pine St.
SanFrancisco, Calif.

Nov.8, 1923.

My dear Mr.Albright:

Many thanks for your letter of Oct 1, which I found on my return from a field trip in the northern part of California. I am obliged also for the clipping telling of the attack of an alleged Grizzly on a forest ranger, named Larsen. But since adult Grizzlies are not able to climb trees, the story looks a little fishy.

On my return to Washington, in compliance with your request, I will send you a list of some of the more important publications on bears. And while on the subject of bears, how about the skulls of Grizzly bears which you have promised to send me from time to time for several years past? I am afraid you do not realize the importance of Grizzly skulls from the Park region for the reason that this area appears to be a meeting ground for several distinct species of Grizzly whose centers of distribution lie in various directions from the Park. Without the skulls of adult Grizzlies for study, it is impossible to work out the characters and ranges of the species with anything like certainty.

It is amazing to know that so many as one hundred and thirty-eight thousand persons visited the Park during the past season.

Hope to see you in Washington during the winter.

Very truly yours
C. Hart Merriam

Mr.Horace M.Albright

Nov.9,1923.

Dear Mr.Hulsey:

Here are the pictures I promised to send you. They came out pretty well. I hope you got home in good shape and found your wife well and glad to see you.

We all enjoyed your stay with us very much and hope you will be able to come again sometime. I appreciate the information you gave me.

We are going east in a few days and expect to return early next spring. We will try to see you early in the season.

My daughter went to the hospital the day after you l eft and the operation on her throat was successful. She will probably be able to come home in a few days.

With kind regards from us all,

Very truly yours

C. Mark Harrison

Mr.Wm Hulsey,
Big Bend,Calif.

Nov.9,1923.

Dear Mr.Carmony:

The photographs I took when you were here came out fairly well. The best ones are inclosed herewith.

My daughter went to the hospital this day after you l eft and her throat was operated on at once. She is doing well and expects to come home in a few days. We were very glad to have you with us and hope you will come again sometime.

We are going home in a few days but expect to return to California early in the spring. Then we intend to visit the Pit River country and shall hope to see you.

With best wishes from us all,

Very truly yours

C. Mark Harrison

Mr.JohnCarmony,
Cayton,Calif.

Nov 8,1923.

Jonas Bros,
Denver,Colo.

Dear Sirs:

Your letter of Oct 5 has been forwarded to me from Washington. The skull of a big Kadiac bear which you sent to Washington at the request of Mr. Ira Minnick of Indianapolis has probably reached the Museum all right, although I have had no notification of the fact.

I expect to return to Washington in a few days and will then hunt it up.

Very truly yours

Nov 8,1923.

My dear Sir :

A clipping in the StocktonRecord of Oct 22, states that you shot a timber wolf in Placer County a short time ago.

If this is correct,I would like to know whether or not you preserved the wolf's skull, and if so, will you lend it to me for examination. Timber wolves are extremely rare in California and most of the alleged specimens prove to be the large coyote of the mountains.

In case you have this skull and are willing to let me examine it, will you kindly have it packed and sent by express , charges collect, addressed to the U.S. Biological Survey, Department of Agriculture, Washington, D.C. Please attach a tag to the skull giving your name and address so that there may be no question as to who it is from.

I expect to return to Washington within a few days.

Very truly yours

Dr.J.L.Collins,
Turlock,Calif.

Nov.9,1923.

Chevrolet Motor Co.,
Oakland,Calif.

Dear Sirs:

Do you overhaul your own cars? I have an FB-50,1920 which I have driven about 17000 miles. It needs overhauling and I would like to know whether you do this at your factory or whether I must have it done at some garage.

Very truly yours

C. Hirschmann

Nov.9,1923.

American Radiator Co.,
Chicago,Ill.

Dear Sirs:

In the advertisements of your furnaces I do not find any mention of oil burners. Does it not seem to you that the time is past for shoveling in coal and shoveling out ashes? In other words, is it not time for you to put out an oil burner.

Very truly yours

C. Hirschmann

Nov 9,1923.

Publisher,
American Forestry
Washington D.C.

Dear Sir:

Please change the address of my copy of American Forestry , from my summer address Lagunitas,Cal fornia, to my winter address, -

1919 Sixteenth Street,
Washington,D.C.

C. Hart Merriam -

Similar letters to:

American Forestry	1523 L.St.	Washington D.C.
Literary Digest	354 Fourth Ave.	New York City
Sunset	469 Fourth St.	San Francisco
Nature	1918 Hartford Ave	Baltimore Md.
Indian Herald	3 City Hall Ave	San Francisco
(Rev.F.G.Collett		
The Outlook	381 Fourth Ave	New York City
Field & Stream	25 West 45th St	New York City
Out Door Life	1824 Curtis St.	Denver,Colo
Motor Land	1628 Van Ness Ave	SanFrancisco
The Game Breeder	110 West 34thSt.	New York City
Booneville Herald	Booneville	New York
Nat.Geographic Mag.	Wash DC	
Rod & Gun in canada	Woodstock, Ontario	

Nov.9,1923.

Dear Mr.Wagner:

Thanks for your letter of the 6th instant, inclosing notes of my rambling talk before your society on Oct.26.

I was so overwhelmed with work during the preceding two or three weeks that it was impossible to prepare any sort of an address, and I understood you to say that it was to be a most informal affair. I am, therefore, considerably surprised to find that stenographic notes were taken. However, I am returning to Washington in a few days and will take with me the notes you have sent so that I may check them up with definite dates and so on.

Very truly yours,

C. Hart Merriam -

P.S. The separates of my article on Jerediah Smith's route have not arrived. If they are ready during the coming week please ask the publisher to send them to Lagunitas with bill. Otherwise, please send them to my Washington address, 1919 Sixteenth Street.

Mr.H.R.Wagner,
California Historical Society
San Francisco, Calif.

Nov. 8, 1923.

Postmaster,
Washington, D.C.

Dear Sir:

On and after receipt of this letter, please forward no more mail to Lagunitas, California addressed to me or to other members of my family at 1919 Sixteenth Street, Washington D.C. I expect to return in a short time.

Very truly yo urs,

Nov. 1923.

Western Auto Supply Co.,
283 Golden Gate Ave.,
San Francisco, Calif.

Dear Sirs:

About two weeks ago I called at your place and talked with your tire man about a Western Giant tire, 33x4 which I purchased from you on July 10 last, and from which the tread is worn off a large part of the circumferenc e.

I purchased two tires from you at the same time and put both on the front wheels of my car, where they have since remained. The distance travelled by these tires is 3600 miles. The tire on the left front wheel is still in fairly good condition, while the one on the right side, as you will see, is very badly worn. I am sending it to you by parcels post today and shall be glad to know what you will do about it. Kindly bear in mind that you guaranteed these tires for 12,000 miles and mine has run only 3600 miles.

Very tm ly yours
C. Hart Merriam

Have been about for some or about now cut the tire ends

Nov 11,1923

Marsh & Co.,
712 Market St.,
San Francisco,Calif.

Dear Mr.Marsh:

Herewith I am inclosing 9 negatives from which I wish you would please make three prints each,enlarged to postal size.

Inclosed also you will find two perfectly worthless prints from the last lot. Please ask your printer to be more careful in making these prints — all of which are intended to bring out as clearly as possible the features of the men.

Very truly yours

C. Hart Merriam

Nov.11,1923.

Dear Mrs. Murray:

Very many thanks for your kindness in writing me about Mr.Sloan's death. It is unnecessary to say that I am deeply grieved; both because he was a much-appreciated personal friend, and also because his long experience and eminent fitness as secretary of the Geographic Board, make it impossible to fill his place.

We are expecting to return to Washington in about 10 days.

Very truly yours

C. Hart Merriam

Mrs. E.R.Murray
Census Bureau
Washington,D.C.

Nov.12,1923.

Dear Angie:

Some years ago, I think in the sixties, but am not sure of the date, a book was published by the Adjutant General of the State of California, entitled "California Men in the War of the Rebellion." The edition is exhausted and the Adjutant General's office is no longer able to supply copies. In case you should happen to run across one, I would like very much to purchase it.

As ever, yours

C. Hart Merriam

Mrs.A.M.Gilbert
Mill Valley,Calif.

Lagunitas

Nov.12,1923.

Dear Mr.Dickey:

Your second letter and mine to you must have crossed in the mails.

Anyhow, we are glad that you are coming this way so soon and shall be very glad to see you both - the sooner the better.

If you drive out, doubtless you will come by the Richmond-San Rafael ferry. If you come by train you will doubtless come by Sausalito.

There is no phone at Lagunitas except at the postoffice. I shall be obliged, therefore, if you will kindly phone Lagunitas, leaving a message to be put in my box telling us when and how you will come. We shall be mighty glad to see you. Bring your nightshirts and tooth picks so you will not be in too much of a hurry to pull out. We are all delighted at the prospect of having you and Mrs.Dickey with us before our departure for the east.

Very truly yours

C. Hart Merriam

Mr.Donald Dickey
Care Joseph Grinnell,
Museum Comparative Zoology
Berkeley,Calif.

Washington

December 7, 1923.

Dear Mr. Wagner:

Thanks for your last letter, which was forwarded from Washington to Lagunitas and then sent back to Washington. We stopped in Southern California on the way East, thus delaying our return.

As I wrote you from Lagunitas, I want to check and verify as to dates and so on the report you sent me of my remarks at the October meeting. It was a very off-hand talk for the double reason that I had at Lagunitas no works to refer to and no time for preparation. As soon as I can look up a few points, I will return it. Meanwhile, I wish to express my indebtedness to the stenographer and to whoever worked it up in its present shape, as it is much better than my talk.

What has become of the separates of my Jedediah Smith article? They had not reached Lagunitas when I left and are not here, and I find neither word nor bill from the printer.

Very truly yours,

C. Hart Merriam

Mr. H. R. Wagner
Wells Fargo Bldg.
San Francisco, Calif.

CHM:C

Dec. 10, 1923.

Mr W. I. Adams, Accountant
Smithsonian Institution
Washington, D.C.

Dear Mr Adams:

Herewith I am enclosing expense accounts for the months of October (~~180~~ 218.44) and November (364.65) amounting to ~~$545~~ 575.09; and also voucher for Zenaida Merriam, assistant, for $35.00, which I shall be obliged if you will pay from the Harriman Fund, as usual.

Expecting to see you in the near future,

Very truly yours,

C. Hart Merriam

C. Hart Merriam

1919 16th Street, Washington, D.C.

October 1923 Expense Account

1923		
Oct. 3-4	Fare, Fairfax-SanFrancisco & return 60; Street cars 40	1 00
	Room, Hotel Court 3.00; Meals 5.50	8 50
5	SanRafael, New Goodyear Cord Tire 1	32 00
	Sparrow Bros, New car lamps & adjusting by new law	1 90
	Lunch at San Rafael 50; changing old tires 50	1 00
10	San Rafael, 10 gals gas	1 60
	Richmond Ferry (car & 2) 1.09; Rodeo Ferry 1.10	2 19
	Lunch, self & asst (Zenaida Merriam) 1.50; sup. 2.	3 50
11	Arbuckle Hotel, Rooms, self & asst 3; Bkfst do 1.50 2	4 50
	Arbuckle Garage, car over night 50; Oil 30; Gas 85	1 65
11&12	Kletwin Indians 2 days Vocab work	6 00
12	Lunch, self & asst	1 50
	Colusa, Oil & alemiting car	2 60
	Colusa, Riverside Hotel, Rooms self & asst 3	5 00
	" " " Meals, Uk " bkfst & sup 3	4 00
	" Garage, car over night	50
13	Pd Kahchil Indians, Sacramento River	3 00
	Arbuckle, lunch self & asst 1.50; supper 1.	2 50
	5 gals gas @ 17	85
14	Guinda, Pd Indians (L. James 3; old Steve 2.50; Jule 50	6 00
	Bkfst & lunch, self & asst	2 00
15	Davis, Univ. Hotel, Sup. ldg. & bkfst, self & asst 4	6 00
	" Garage night 50; 10 gals gas 1.55	2 05
	Rodeo Ferry, car & 2, 1.10; Richmond Ferry, 1.09	2 19
	10 gals gas 1.55; lunch & supper self & asst 2.	3 55

19	San Anselmo Auto-top Works, repairing car curtains		1 50
	SanRafael, Duffy Bros, fixing rods & running board ..		1 75
			60
22-23	Return fare Fairfax-SanFrancisco(to Indian Conference)	5	2 50
	Room,Cartwright Hotel		6 00
	Meals, self and Indians		1 60
	San Anselmo, 10 gals gas		4 95
	Fairfax Garage,changing motor oil, alemite & labor	6	
			60
25-26	Return fare,Fairfax-SanFrancisco (to Indian Conference)		10 20
	Meals,self & 4 Indians 9.50; street cars 70	7	2 50
	Room, Cartwright Hotel		1 50
	Denny, Maps Colusa, Tulare & Fresno Counties	8	
			54
27	Fares 3 Indians,Sausalito Ferry @ 18		8 00
27-28	Meals for 3 Indians		1 26
28	Fares 3 Indians (Steplis, Gillis & Knight) to SF		
			36
30	" 2 Indians (Hulsey & Carmony) Sausalito Ferry		1 60
	10 gals gas ,San Anselmo		8 00
31	Pd Indian W. Hulsey 2 days vocab work	"	5 00
	Pd John Carmony,2 days	"	4 00
	Meals, 2 Indians, 2 days		3 00
	Allen's Press Clippings for Oct.(Mammals & Indians)	9	8 85
	Marsh & Co., Photo work in October	10	2 20
	Stampt envelopes & postage		5 00
	Proc. National Academy of Sciences		6 00
	Garland, Book of the Am. Indian	11	
	Omitted from September Account:		75
Sept.16	Crescent City Garage, car night 50; labor 25		11 00
16 & 17	Smith River Mouth: Pd Sam Lopez & wife & his father & her mother (Hawunkwuts)		2 00
18	Fortuna Garage, Alemiting car & labor		3 60
26	Stockett-Fiske Co.,Stationery (use of Miss Clemence)	12	
			210.44
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C. Hart Merriam

1919 16th Street, Washington, D.C.

Expense account for November, 1923

Nov. 4	W.Hulsey.Indian,services Nov.1-4		17 00
4	" " Meals bkfst Nov.1-lunch Nov.4 incl		3 50
Nov. 4	Fare,Fairfax to San Francisco,self & 2 Indians		1 26
	Street cars to Museum and Aquarium 30;3 suppers	3.50	3 80
5	Meals 1.50;Fare,SanFrancisco to Fairfax 42		1 92
6	Fare, Fairfax-San Francisco & return		60
7	Room,Cartwright Hotel		2 50
	Fare, Stenographer, SanFrancisco to Fairfax	1	
	Meals and street car fares		42
10	San Rafael, 10 gals gas 1.60; fix starter 50; tire	50	3 50
12	C.Colonna,Stenographer,services 5 days @ 5	2	2 60
	Meals, Stenographer, 5 days @ 1.50		25 00
	Fare for stenographer, Lagunitas to San Francisco		7 50
16	Telephone to San Francisco for new tire		96
17	Western Auto-Supply Co.,new tire & postage	3	30
25	Fare,SanRafael-SanFran.42;Street cars 20;Supper1.25		15 40
26	Marsh & Co.,Photo work November	4	1 87
	Baggage out, Lagunitas 1.00; Baggage San Fran.50		11 85
	Street cars 40; Berkeley & return 36;meals 3;Taxi	1.	1 50
	Room, Cartwright Hotel	5	4 76
	Sleeper, SanFrancisco to Los Angeles		2 50
	Return ticket (S.P.)SanFrancisco to Washington		4 50
	Half of Pullman Compartment,LosAngeles-Chicago		191 14
	Lower Birth, Chicago-Washington		33 37
	Dining car meals, California-Washington		8 25
	Pullman Porters 1.25; Baggage in,Washington 60		15 00
	Envelopes & postage for November		1 85
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			~~364 55~~

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December 10, 1923

Dr. Sterling Bunnell
Physicians' Building
San Francisco, Calif.

Dear Dr. Bunnell:

On returning home a few days ago I found two items of interest awaiting attention: one was your letter of November 20, the other a crack in the water system of our furnace which for several days prevented the building of a fire.

The Indian Yellow-Jacket, of whom you speak, is an interesting character who was greatly abused a few years ago by false charges and imprisonment. I have obtained much information of value from him. He is an Athapascan and belongs to the tribe commonly called Wylakke. His wife Sally Jacket is a Norrelmuk belonging to the Wintoon stock and came from Hay Fork Valley.

What you say about the destruction of fur-bearing animals as a result of poisoning coyotes is most distressing, but in addition to this calamity the wholesale destruction of preditory animals, while it may be of temporary economic benefit, is bound to upset a natural balance which will be difficult to restore.

The lightning job you did on my left hind leg just before train time resulted in complete healing, for which I am properly grateful.

Just now I am under a good deal of pressure in preparation for a meeting of the Advisory Committee on Indian Affairs appointed by Secretary Hubert Work last summer. The meeting begins day after tomorrow but how long it will continue it is impossible to say.

With kindest regards,

Hastily yours

C. H. Merriam

M:A

December 10, 1923

Mrs. Frederick H. Colburn, Pres.
Mt. Lassen Geographical Research Society
San Francisco, California.

My dear Mrs. Colburn:

Owing to certain unforseen complications, including an injury to one of my legs which caused me to secure the services of a surgeon, I was unable to see you before leaving California. This I very much regret as I shall not be able to return before about the end of March.

It is encouraging to know that you have made such progress in the matter of naming features in the Mt. Lassen, Siskiyou, and Trinity regions and I shall be glad at any time to consider the names that have met with the approval of your Society.

With best wishes,

Very truly yours,

C. Hart Merriam

M:A

December 10, 1923

Hon. John E. Raker
House of Representatives
Washington, D. C.

Dear Judge Raker:

Thanks for your letter of the 4th inst. just received, in respect to the naming of features in the neighborhood of Mt. Lassen.

I had expected to see Mrs. Colburn again before leaving California but an injury to one of my legs prevented. I am interested in the matter and have written her that I shall be glad to see the list of names she has under consideration.

When the names are to come before the Government Geographic Board the Board will be much pleased to listen to your recommendations.

Very truly yours

C. Hart Merriam

Chairman, U. S. Geographic Board.

M:A

December 10, 1923

Mr. Joseph Mailliard
California Academy of Sciences
Golden Gate Park
San Francisco, Calif.

Dear Mr. Mailliard:

Your letter of November 28 reached Lagunitas after my departure and has been forwarded to Washington.

The bear skull you mentioned would doubtless be of much interest judging from its locality -- Haines, Alaska-- and and in case I am lucky enough to re-examine our Southeastern Alaska skulls this winter I may ask if you will be good enough to loan it to me for a short time.

I fully intended to visit the Museum before leaving California, but a slight injury to one of my legs, and what seemed a most unnecessary delay in securing the necessary railway reservations for myself and family, prevented it.

With kind regards to all at the Museum and also to your sister.

Very truly yours

C. Hart Merriam

M:A

Dec. 10, 1923

Dr. Gilbert Grosvenor
President National Geographic Society
Washington, D. C.

My dear Dr. Grosvenor:

Thanks for your letter of November 7, which reached me on my return from California a few days ago, telling me that the surviving founders of the Society, myself among the number, have been elected Life Members of the Society—a courtesy which I fully appreciate.

With find regards,

Very truly yours

C. Hart Merriam

Dec.14,1923

Mr W. I. Adams, Accountant
Smithsonian Institution
Washington, D.C.

Dear Mr Adams:

Herewith I am enclosing my check for $500 in repayment of amount advanced to me for field work last April, under the Harriman Fund.

I wish also to thank you for the correction in my recent account.

Very truly yours,

C. Hart Merriam

December 17, 1923

Dr. Witmer Stone,
Academy of Natural Sciences,
Philadelphia, Penna.

Dear Dr. Stone:

In examining my accumulated mail I find the report of the Academy for 1922. It contains three articles on exploration which are of considerable interest to me, namely: those on Nicaragua, the Andes of Colombia, and the California to Mexico Borderland, by A. G. Rehn. This leads me to ask if the Academy carries separates of these articles. If so, I shall be obliged if you will have the proper person send me one copy each with bill for same.

We had an interesting and fruitful season in California, spending more than seven months in active field work, chiefly in the northwest quarter of the state.

With kindest regards to Mrs. Stone and yourself,

Very truly yours,

C. Hart Merriam

M:A

December 17, 1923

Dr. Gilbert Grosvenor, Pres.,
National Geographic Society,
Washington, D. C.

My dear Dr. Grosvenor:

Many thanks for your letter of the 13th inst. telling me that five copies each of the Society's publications entitled "THE CAPITAL OF OUR COUNTRY" and "HORSES OF THE WORLD," have been placed at my disposal.

I shall be greatly obliged if you will kindly send them to me at 1919 -16th Street so that I may distribute them before Christmas.

With best wishes,

Very truly yours,

C. Hart Merriam

M:A

December 17, 1923

Mrs. E. R. Murray,
Geographic Division,
Census Office,
Washington, D. C.

Dear Mrs. Murray:

Very many thanks for your kindness in sending me the letter to accompany the resolutions passed at the last meeting of the Geographic Board. I signed and sent them to Mr. McCormick for his signature several days ago.

I am obliged also for your thoughtfulness in sending Board stationery, as I had taken all of mine to California.

With best wishes,

Very truly yours,

C. Hart Merriam

M:A

December 17, 1923

The Honeywell Heating Specialty Co.
Wabash, Indiana.

Dear Sirs:

I have a hot water heating system in my house and would like to know whether or not your Mercury Pressure Apparatus would increase the heat in the system.

If you have an agent in Washington please let me know.

Very truly yours,

C. Hart Merriam

M:A

December 17, 1923

Dr. A. E. Jenks
National Research Council
Washington, D. C.

Dear Dr. Jenks:

Your letter of November 29 was written while I was still in California.

My experience in handling separates covers more than fifty years, during which several widely different methods were tried. In the early years I had them bound under subject headings but abandoned the method after finding that additional articles always turned up belonging to one of the bound volumes.

Then I tried horizontal boxes in a case of flat pigeonholes made to fit; and later abandoned this for vertical pasteboard pamphlet cases to stand on shelves. These were made of different thicknesses, from half an inch to two and a half inches, but some were always less than half full while others overflowed.

Finally, about fifteen years ago, I adopted the vertical file system which I still use and which seems to me the most convenient of the methods heretofore attempted. It has the advantage of indefinite expansion and also of accomodating itself to a few leaflets and, when properly classified, is a great time-saver.

At the present time I have in my house about forty steel vertical file cases covering materials relating to Geography, Biography, Ethnology, Zoology and several other major subjects subdivided under a multitude of headings.

I shall be glad at any time to show you my system if you care to call at my home, 1919 -16th Street.

Very truly yours,

C. Hart Merriam

December 17, 1923

Mr. George W. Offutt, Secretary,
Advisory Board,
American Automobile Association,
Washington, D. C.

My dear Sir:

Referring to your letter of the 7th instant would say that I fail to see any reason why District motorists should be called upon to either carry liability insurance or provide an indemnity policy.

I hope this proposition is not to be used in connection with the impending legislation in favor of the two cent gasoline tax.

Very truly yours,

C. [illegible]

December 18, 1923

Mr. James McCormick, Secretary,
U. S. Geographic Board,
Washington, D. C.

Dear Mr. McCormick:

Thanks for the correspondence from R. Douglas, Secretary of the Geographic Board of Canada, which is herewith returned.

But in attempting to write him I found that I had no copy of the Resolution passed at the last meeting of the Board expressing our concurrence in his suggestion for an exchange of information concerning points on or adjacent to the International Boundary. If you will kindly send me a copy of this resolution I will write Mr. Douglas immediately.

Very truly yours,

C. Hart Merriam

P. S.

Since writing the above I have received your note enclosing Mr. Douglas's letter of the 14th instant. This letter proves the truth of your prophecy as to the accuracy of the statement made to the Board to the effect that the Geographic Board of Canada had already approved a number of the names in question.

It also emphasizes my need of the actual phraseology of the resolution of cooperation as passed by our Board.

December 18, 1923

Mr. James McCormick,
U. S. Geological Survey,
Washington, D. C.

Dear Mr. McCormick:

Mr. Donald Dickey, 514 Lester Avenue, Pasadena, California, has written me asking for reports of the Geographic Board's Decisions. I shall be obliged if you will kindly send him a copy of the Fifth Report (published in 1921) and also the Decisions, July 1920- July 1922. I assume that the Decisions July 1922-July 1923 have not yet been published. Do you know if they are ready for the printer.

I should be glad to have half a dozen copies of the Decisions since the Fifth Report, as I often have requests for them.

Very truly yours,

C. Hart Merriam

By the way, I have no Board envelopes smaller than the one in which this is enclosed and shall be obliged if you will kindly send me a small supply.

December 18, 1923

Mr. Donald R. Dickey,
514 Lester Avenue,
Pasadena, California.

My dear Mr. Dickey:

Your letter of the 11th instant arrived yesterday and I have just written the Secretary of the Government Geographic Board to send you the reports of the Decisions of our Board so far as published.

Mrs. Merriam and Zenaida enjoyed the beautiful drive Mrs. Dickey was good enough to give them while you were filling me to overflowing with various phases of your important work.

We are expecting our daughter Dorothy with her two children next week. The youngest child I have not yet seen.

With kindest regards to you all,

Very truly yours,

C. Hart Merriam

December 18, 1923

Captain R. A. Bartlett,
American Museum of Natural History,
New York City.

My dear Captain Bartlett:

On returning to Lagunitas from a field trip in the mountains of northern California I found your letter in regard to the seals.

After reading your letter (which I find very interesting) two or three times, I failed to find any definite questions as to just what information you are seeking.

There are many questions in regard to the life history of all of our seals which no one as yet has answered or is likely to answer in the near future. For instance, we cannot yet trace the movements from year to year of the young seals. If you will tell me exactly what you want to know I will look through my material and see if I have it.

With best wishes,

Very truly yours,

C. Hart Merriam

December 18, 1923

Dr. H. H. T. Jackson,
U. S. National Museum,
Washington, D. C.

Dear Dr. Jackson:

Will you kindly send me a memorandum of the bear skulls received since I went to California early in April last. I should like very much to have the museum numbers, name of collectors, locality, and date received. This will enable me to check up my bear letters before going to the museum.

Very truly yours,

C. Hart Merriam

December 18, 1923

Dr. George Bird Grinnell,
238 E. 15th St.,
New York City.

Dear Grinnell:

We missed you sadly at the recent meeting of Secretary Work's 'Committee of One Hundred'. The meeting lasted two days and was, of course, very much over-crowded for a time. If it had consisted of a dozen or fifteen well chosen persons and had been given a week for deliberation and discussion the results would undoubtedly have been very much more satisfactory. At the same time, a good deal was done notwithstanding the fact that the church influence was disproportionately large.

I have just obtained your splendid work on the Cheyenne and look forward to the many hours I shall spend in reading it.

I want to congratulate you on living to bring out such an important work and also on having it published in such fine shape.

I had a wonderful season in California; perhaps the most successful in all my field work among Indians, but will not take time to tell you about it just now.

With love from us all to yourself and Mrs. Grinnell,

As ever yours,

C. Hart Merriam

December 18, 1923

Dr. John R. Swanton,
Bureau of Ethnology,
Smithsonian Institution,
Washington, D. C.

Dear Dr. Swanton:

Before leaving California I received the separates you sent me of my note on the Application of the Athapaskan term Nung-kahhl, for which I am obliged; but I have not yet received separates of my comment on Erroneous Identifications of "Copper Effigies" from the July-September number of the Anthropologist. I shall be obliged if you will kindly have them sent to my home address--1919 -16th Street.

Hoping to see you in the near future,

Very truly yours,

C. Hart Merriam

December 18, 1923

Mr. Louis Vallot-Duval,
10, rue des Trois-Conils,
Gironde,
Bordeaux, France.

My dear Sir:

On my return from California a few days ago I found your letter of November 16, in regard to the reports of the Harriman-Alaska Expedition.

Unfortunately I have no control of the distribution of these volumes and have only one copy myself. They are published by the Smithsonian Institution.

Regretting that I cannot send you the set,

Very truly yours,

C. Hart Merriam

December 19, 1923

Mr. Charles Granville Minifie,
1590 Sacramento Street,
San Francisco, California.

My dear Sir:

Thanks for your memorandum of November 27 relating to the unfortunate use of the word "Frisco". I agree with you that it is a detestable word and one never employed by any patriotic Californian.

Very truly yours,

C. Hart Merriam

December 24, 1923

Mr. R. Douglas, Secretary,
Geographic Board,
Ottawa, Canada.

Dear Sir:

Referring again to your letter of July 12 and later inquiry of November 7, asking whether a mutual agreement respecting International boundary names would be acceptable to the U. S. Geographic Board, each Board agreeing to submit all International names to the other Board prior to arriving at a decision respecting same, I am pleased to say that at its last meeting the Board approved and agreed to your excellent suggestion.

In accordance with this decision I have asked our Secretary, Mr. James McCormick of the U. S. Geological Survey, to forward to you such information as we have concerning proposed boundary names not yet acted on by our Board.

Very truly yours,

C. Hart Merriam

Chairman, U. S. Geographic Board.

December 24, 1923

Mr. R. Douglas, Secretary,
Geographic Board,
Ottawa, Canada.

My dear Mr. Douglas:

Owing to my late return to Washington from field work in California, to the confusion resulting from the death of our late Secretary, Mr. Sloane, and to illness in my own family, I have not been able to attend earlier to the matter of cooperation with your Board.

I hope you will accept this explanation as an apology for my delay.

With best wishes and greetings of the season,

Very truly yours,

C. Hart Merriam

December 24, 1923

Mr. James McCormick
U. S. Geological Survey
Washington, D. C.

Dear Mr. McCormick:

Herewith I am enclosing a carbon of my letter to R. Douglas, Secretary Geographic Board of Canada, and shall be obliged if you will send him the information mentioned concerning International boundary names proposed to our Board but not yet acted on.

I am enclosing also the previous correspondence in relation to this matter— which I thought I had sent a few days ago.

Yours very truly,

C. Hart Merriam

Enc.

December 24, 1923

Mr. Stephen Knight
Ukiah, California.

My dear Mr. Knight:

The recent meeting of the Advisory Committee on Indian affairs appointed by Secretary Hubert Work accomplished some good though we cannot yet say how much. After a discussion covering two days and one evening, a number of resolutions were passed expressing the feelings of the members present on a number of points. In most cases they were necessarily a compromise between contending views but on the whole mark a distinct step ahead. I have not yet received copies of these resolutions or I would send you transcripts of those that apply to California. I hope to do this later.

In the Lake Port Bee of December 6, it was stated that one of the largest tribes of Lake County had been forced away from the productive land originally belonging to them "in the lower end of the County" and had been moved to "an arid area several miles inland where water has to be carried a mile to the village."

If this is true, can you give me the name and original location of the tribe and also the name of the place to which they were removed.

In a day or two, when the Christmas mails are less overcrowded than at present, I will send you a little book on Washington

which I trust you and your family will find of interest.

As yet I have not been able to learn anything about the outlook for the case now in the Courts, but will let you know as soon as I have any information of value.

We hope to return to California very early next Spring and I look forward to seeing you at your home.

With best wishes to you and Mrs. Knight from Mrs. Merriam, myself and my daughter Zenaida,

Very truly yours,

C. Hart Merriam

December 24, 1923

Dr. Witmer Stone
Academy of Natural Sciences
Philadelphia, Penna.

Dear Dr. Stone:

Thanks for your letter of the 19th instant telling me that no separates of the articles mentioned were printed, but offering to send me another copy of the report containing them. I shall be greatly obliged if you will kindly do this.

With greetings of the season to you and Mrs. Stone,

Very truly yours,

C. Hart Merriam

December 24, 1923

Mr. Charles A. Allen
San Geronimo, Calif.

Dear Mr. Allen:

Thanks for your letter of December 15, in which you and Mrs. Allen enclosed Christmas cards to our family.

We are glad to know that you have had some rain out there so that the country will not be dried up before we get back. I am interested also in what you tell me about Gibbs Mole.

Shortly after our return Mrs. Merriam met with a rather severe accident, bumping her head against a register box on the ceiling of the basement. After bending over she stood up suddenly and the corner of the box cut her head open from the middle of the forehead up into the hair. The wound was sewed up immediately and has now healed but she has been suffering from the concussion and has been in bed most of the time for ten days or more. She is getting better every day now and we hope soon will be in her usual health.

We had a thunder storm yesterday but today is bright and clear and fine and doubtless will continue over Christmas.

With kindest regards from all of us to Mrs. Allen and yourself,

Very truly yours,

C. Hart Merriam

December 24, 1923

Dr. B. W. Evermann, Director,
California Academy of Sciences
San Francisco, California.

Dear Dr. Evermann:

Thanks for your letter of the 14th instant in regard to the coming Congress of the Pan-Pacific Union at Honolulu and inviting me to attend.

Much as I should enjoy a visit to the Islands I feel it my duty to stick to my knitting until I have finished the particular job I am now at work upon with California Indians.

In view of my time of life and the vast quantity of unpublished material in my hands I do not feel at liberty to take such trips as the one you propose, no matter how tempting they may be.

With best wishes,

Very truly yours,

C. Hart Merriam

December 26, 1923

Professor Harvey M. Hall,
1615 La Loma Avenue,
Berkely, California.

Dear Professor Hall:

Since the Merriams left your hospitable home after the lunch Mrs. Hall so kindly gave us, various things happened--some of them with a good deal of energy. To begin with, about two hours after leaving you I had a small piece cut out of my left leg. Then on arriving home and attempting to start a fire we found the water system of our furnace split open with all the water leaked out. This caused a delay of several days, after which Mrs. Merriam, in cleaning out a place under the cellar stairs, stood up suddenly under a register box with the result that she split open her scalp from some distance above the hair line down to about the middle of her forehead. The wound was immediately sewed up by a good surgeon and has healed nicely but the results of the concussion have not yet entirely disappeared and she has been in bed most of the time since. She is much better now however and we hope will be in normal condition in a few days. She appreciated Mrs. Hall's thoughtfulness in returning her veil.

Hoping we shall have the pleasure of mixing your three with our three at Lagunitas next season, and with best wishes and greetings of the season to you all,

As ever yours,

C. Hart Merriam

December 26, 1923

Dr. Herbert E. Bolton,
Bancroft Library,
Berkely, California.

My dear Dr. Bolton:

Your letter of November 22nd in regard to the California State Historical Association, after making two trips across the continent, has reached me at my winter headquarters in Washington.

I did not know that there were two historical societies in California, assuming naturally that the California Historical Society which publishes The Quarterly magazine covered the whole ground. It seems to me as an outsider that there is hardly room for two such associations in the same state. However you are the best judge and since the new one seems to have been already established I shall of course be glad to join and am enclosing herewith my membership dues ($3.00) for the first year.

With compliments of the season,

Very truly yours,

C. Hart Merriam

Enc.

December 26, 1923

Hon. Charles H. Burke,
Commissioner of Indian Affairs
Washington, D. C.

My dear Sir:

Before leaving California a short time ago I learned that the Indians on Tule River reservation were greatly disturbed over a rumor that they were to be moved to some other place. Is there any truth in this rumor?

Very truly yours,

C. Hart Merriam

December 26, 1923

Hon. S. Wallace Dempsey,
House of Representatives,
Washington, D. C.

Dear Sir:

Replying to your request of the 11th instant I have sent Miss Kathryn Praemassing of Buffalo, New York, a copy of the last report of the U. S. Geographic Board.

If she desires a copy of the full report containing all place names passed on by the Board up to the year 1920 the same may be obtained by addressing the Secretary of the Board, Mr. James McCormick, U. S. Geological Survey, Washington, D. C.

Very truly yours,

C. Hart Merriam

Chairman, U. S. Geographic Board.

December 26, 1923

Mr. Horace M. Albright,
Superintendent,
Yellowstone National Park,
Yellowstone Park, Wyoming.

My dear Mr. Albright:

Thanks for your letter of November 20, which I found on returning to Washington a short time ago.

In regard to the alleged climbing of the Grand Teton in 1872 by Langford and Stevenson, it was generally believed that they did not reach the summit of the main peak but did attain the top of a subordinate peak.

Yours very truly,

C. Hart Merriam

December 27, 1923

Mr. Robert Bursner, President,
Bessemer-American Motors Corporation,
Plainfield, New Jersey.

My dear Sir:

A year ago last November I purchased an American-Six touring car and drove it from Plainfield to Washington. On the way there was a terrible crash resulting from what proved to be a loose nut in the transmission. When this got into the gears the shock suggested a dynamite bomb and the reaction was so great that it broke the heavy hanger plate under the right rear spring and must have done other damage to the internal viscera of the car.

The engine has always roared --a persistent annoying roar that seems to come from the timing gears. It is very trying to my wife and gives the car a black eye with strangers. After driving the car home I wrote Mr. Page about this but nothing has been done to correct it. I would like to have it eliminated.

Last winter trouble developed with the brakes which local garage men were not able to remedy. Your mechanic, Mr. Bryant, during his brief visit here readjusted the brakes.

After driving about twenty miles the car would heat and lose power. I had the top of the engine removed and found the 2nd cylinder was deeply scored all the way around. I wrote the company about this and in reply received a letter requesting me to bring the car to Plainfield. Unfortunately this was too late, as I was then on the point of leaving for California. Soon after reaching California I had a letter from J. J. Paul, General Sales Manager, dated Plainfield, April 24, expressing regret that I was unable to bring the car to Plainfield and adding: "Just as soon as it is convenient for you to do so we will be mighty glad to take care of you."

In going over bumps and in turning corners the gas tank makes a noise like a cyclone under a tin roof. Your Mr. Bryant took the tank off but could not cure it. The Company offered to send me a new tank last spring but I was then just leaving for California.

The universals are not tight and spatter grease all over the underside of the car and have to be refilled altogether too frequently.

She steers very hard on sharp turns.

I have now returned and expect to remain in Washington until Spring. I have just seen Mr. C. Penny and his son who tell me that you have not yet an agent or a service station in Washington, which I greatly regret. I suppose therefore that it will be necessary to drive the car to Plainfield.

I shall be glad to hear from you on the matter.

Very truly yours,

C. Bert Curtis

December 28, 1923

Hon. Hubert Work,
Secretary of the Interior,
Washington, D. C.

Dear Dr. Work:

At the close of the recent meeting of your Committee of One Hundred on Indian Affairs a number of resolutions were adopted. Mr. George Vaux said that copies of these would be sent to all members of the Committee. My copy has not yet arrived.

I am very anxious to see these resolutions and should be glad if you could have two or three copies sent me.

Very truly yours,

C. Bert Curtis

December 30, 1923

Mr. H. R. Wagner,
508 Wells Fargo Building,
San Francisco, Calif.

Dear Mr. Wagner:

The long looked for separates have at last arrived and I am much disappointed to find that they are re-paged-- an abomination I have fought against for many years. I am now re-paging them in ink so that it may be possible to refer to them without the necessity of going to a library to consult the original Quarterly in which they appeared. Otherwise they are admirable.

I have now looked up most of the data for the off-hand remarks I made at the Society's lunch, to make sure that there are no errors and to insert or correct a few dates, and am expecting to return it in a few days.

Shall be glad to hear from young Hafen, but shall be immensely amazed if he is able to show any weak spot in Jedediah Smith's route. The amount of water in Meadow Valley Wash and the Muddy, as in most desert streams, varies with the season. Moreover, one would be very rash to assume that the flow a hundred years ago was the same as today.

Very truly yours,

C. Hart Merriam

December 30, 1923

Prof. F. E. Olmsted,
Stanford University, Calif.

My dear Professor Olmsted:

Pardon my delay in replying to your letter which reached Lagunitas I assume during the excitement attending our big fire, followed by our departure for Washington. However, the letter has just come to light in a batch of Lagunitas materials forwarded by express.

As to the Indians of Tamalpais-Point Reyes region: Yes, I had the good fortune to work with survivors of the tribe for several years before their final extinction and succeeded in securing a lot of important material, chiefly linguistic. I have not published anything relating exclusively to this tribe but have published a map showing their distribution accompanying a paper on the distribution and classification of the Mewan stock, in which the people in question are treated on pages 352--356 (see American Anthropologist, Vol.9, No.2, April--June, 1907).

I have also published several of their myths in my book entitled The Dawn of the World, Myths and Weird Tales told by the Mewan Indians of California, published by the Arthur H. Clark Company, Cleveland, 1910. I hope you can find these publications in the University library.

I much regret that I was not at home at Lagunitas when you called, but I hope you will repeat the call at some time in the future. I am in the field a large part of the time, but by 'phoning Lagunitas (the only 'phone is in the store) you may learn whether or not I am at home.

With best wishes and apologies for the long delay,

Very truly yours,

C. Hart Merriam

December 30, 1923

Mr. Edmund C. Jaeger,
Riverside Junior College,
Riverside, California.

Dear Mr. Jaeger:

Please pardon my delay in replying to your letter asking for a list of species and sub-species with synonyme of the Mountain Lion. I was in the field at the time your letter came and it has only recently turned up in a batch of mail shipped by express from Lagunitas.

I am too overwhelmed with accumulated work to take the time necessary to dig up the material you ask for, but think you will find it in the last edition of Gerrit S. Miller's List of North American Land Mammals published by the National Museum. By writing Doctor Miller at the U. S. National Museum, you will probably be able to secure the information you are seeking.

Very truly yours,

C. Hart Merriam

December 30, 1923

Mr. A. O. Campbell.
Care of Outdoor Life,
Denver Colorado.

My dear Sir:

I was much interested in your article in Outdoor Life telling of the killing of a big old Grizzly in the Fish Creek country of western Wyoming.

For more than thirty years I have been engaged in a study of American bears and have succeeded in bringing together in our National Museum at Washington more than two thousand skulls. Specimens from western Wyoming are exceedingly scarce and I am most anxious to examine as many as possible. I am taking the liberty, therefore, to ask if you will kindly loan me the skull of your big Grizzly for comparison with specimens in our Museum.

Very truly yours,
C. Hart Merriam

December 30, 1923

Book Department,
The White House,
San Francisco, Calif.

Dear Sirs:

Thanks for your memorandum of the 21st instant telling me that you have treed a copy of California Men in the War of the Rebellion which may be purchased for $15.00. The price, I regret to say, is more than I am able to pay. I am obliged, however, for your courtesy in the matter.

Very truly yours,
C. Hart Merriam

December 30, 1923

Dr. Paul Bartsch,
U. S. National Museum,
Washington, D. C.

Dear Doctor Bartsch:

Early last March I gave you, in compliance with your request the manuscript of my address on Professor Baird with the expectation that it, along with the other addresses delivered at the memorial meeting, would be published in Science or Scientific Monthly.

During the intervening ten months several of the other addresses have appeared but thus far I have heard nothing from mine. If Professor Cattell finds it too long or otherwise unsuited for his publications I will endeavor to have it printed elsewhere.

With best wishes and compliments of the season,

Very truly yours,

C. Hart Merriam

December 30, 1923

Mr. D. B. Wentz,
Land Title Building,
Philadelphia, Pa.

My dear Mr. Wentz:

Thanks for your kind invitation of the 26th instant to be present at the annual meeting of the Wilderness Club on January 5th. I should greatly enjoy being present to see Colonel Faunthorpe's pictures of Indian big game, but unfortunately shall not be able to leave home at that time.

With regrets, and regards to the members,

Very truly yours,

C. Hart Merriam

December 31, 1923

Mr. W. I. Adams,
Accountant,
Smithsonian Institution,
Washington, D. C.

Dear Mr. Adams:

I shall be obliged if you will send a pay check from the Harriman Fund, to Miss Ellen Allston, addressed in my care, for services as stenographer, December 17 to 31, at the rate of $1500 per annum.

Very truly yours,

C. Hart Merriam

January 1, 1924

Dear Doctor Stephens:

Ever since we came home I have been trying to get a chance to tell you of our various fortunes and misfortunes.

Just before taking the train at San Francisco Dr. Bunnell trimmed the wound in my leg and finding this insufficient cut out a narrow strip and closed the wound. This made me a little tender-footed next day in our exploits about Los Angeles and Pasadena.

On reaching Washington Vernon Bailey met us at the station and took us to his house. Our house was like an ice chest and in preparing to start a fire in the furnace I found the water boiler cracked and the water from the entire system gone. Furnace men labored over it for about five days, temporarily stopping the crack so that we could have a fire; during this time we spent the nights with Florence and Vernon.

Meanwhile Elizabeth had window cleaners and suction pumpers at work in the house. One morning early, about eight o'clock, she attempted to do something under the cellar stairs and stepping out straightened up and butted the front of her head against a sharp galvanized iron flange under a register box, splitting the scalp from about an inch above the hair line down to the middle of the forehead. Fortunately our 'phone had been connected and I caught a surgeon at his breakfast. He immediately came and took Elizabeth to his office where he cleaned and sewed up the wound. This healed properly, leaving a very small scar. But the injury to the base of the skull (or base of the brain) must have been rather severe for the effects of the concussion have not yet disappeared. She has been in bed most of the time since and has been out of the house only once, but is now gaining and has much less trouble with her head.

Then Dorothy with her two children and nursemaid came for the holidays and will be with us still for a couple of weeks.

In addition to all this there were numerous matters requiring my attention so that we were obliged to defer or abandon all Christmas undertakings and I have not yet been able to begin work on last season's material.

My brother and his wife have come to Washington for the

winter but are not staying in our house.

Zensida is about as well as usual but has had rather a hard pull of late.

So much for the Merriam family; now how about the Stephans? We hope you are all well and that you have had a fine Christmas. We have had only one snow storm and it did not amount to very much.

While my article on Jedediah Smith's Route to California came out in the October Quarterly of the California Historical Society there was some hitch in regard to the separates and they have only just arrived. I am sending you one by this mail.

With love to you all,

As ever yours,

C. Hart Merriam

Dr. W. Barclay Stephens,
1250 Bay Street,
Alameda, California.

January 1, 1924

Mr. Laurence B. Fletcher,
E. M. Hamlin & Co.,
Post Office Square,
Boston, Mass.

Dear Sir:

Your letter in regard to the establishment of a memorial grove to the memory of William Brewster reached my California home at Lagunitas during my absence on a field trip, and later, with a batch of other mail, was forwarded to Washington by express -- hence the delay in replying.

In case the necessary amount is raised I shall be glad to contribute $10.00 and regret that I am not in a position to send a larger amount.

I visited Mr. Brewster at his father's home in Cambridge more than fifty years ago and have always regarded him not only as occupying the top of the ornithological ladder in America, but also as being one of the fairest and most honorable men our country has produced.

Very truly yours,

C. Hart Merriam

January 1, 1924

James J. Gillick & Company, Inc.,
2055 Center Street,
Berkeley, California.

Dear Sirs:

Enclosed find my check on the Crocker Bank for $15.00, payment of the accompanying bill for 50 separates of my article on Jedediah Smith in the October number of the Historical Society's Quarterly.

I very much regret that you re-paged the article, making it necessary for me to write the correct pagination with a pen, incurring the time and trouble necessary to write 1650 numerals.

Kindly return receipted bill.

Very truly yours,

C. Hart Merriam

January 1, 1924

My dear Miss Drumm:

My article on Jedediah Smith's route to California in 1826 was published in the October number of the Quarterly of the California Historical Society (pages 228--236). Reprints of it have just reached me and I take pleasure in sending you a copy by this mail.

Your kindness in referring me to the Kansas Historical Society was of much assistance.

With best wishes and greetings of the season,

Very truly yours,

C. Hart Merriam

Miss Stella M. Drumm,
Missouri Historical Society,
St. Louis, Mo.

January 1, 1924

Mr. E. L. Stott,
American Radiator Company,
San Francisco, Calif.

Dear Sir:

Your letter of November 20, 1923, addressed to me at my summer home at Lagunitas, California, was such a fine illustration of how not to do it that I preserved it as a sad example.

You state: "On account of the fact that oil burning is not universal throughout the United States our Company has not yet seen fit to manufacture an oil burner." Did it occur to you that it would be difficult for oil burning to become universal before satisfactory oil burners had been supplied by the men who make the furnaces!

Why is it that certain business men shy at the truth and try to make their customers swallow preposterous, if not silly, statements. What objection could there be to the simple statement of fact, that the American Radiator Company has not yet succeeded in developing a satisfactory oil burner at a reasonable price and that experiments will still continue? As an owner of an Ideal Furnace made by the American Radiator Company, I am interested in the matter of oil burners.

Very truly yours,

C. Hart Merriam

January 2, 1924

My dear Miss Francis:

The California Historical Society needed copy for their October number and wanted my article on Jedediah Smith at once so that I was not able to defer publication until my return to Washington, which I regret.

I have just taken from my safe the photostat copy of the Jedediah Smith letter on file in the Indian office and am sending it to you by this mail, along with a copy of my article as printed.

I shall be greatly obliged if you will kindly compare the letter with the copy on file in your Society and let me know if they differ, and if so, how; also if you have any idea as to where the original of Smith's letter is likely to be preserved and by whom the Indian office copy was made.

Very truly yours,

C. Hart Merriam

Miss Clara Francis, Librarian,
Kansas State Historical Society,
Topeka, Kansas.

January 2, 1924

Mr. P. H. Smith,
Service Manager,
American Motors Corporation,
Plainfield, New Jersey.

Dear Sir:

Thanks for your letter of December 31 in regard to my American-Six car, which by the way is in such bad condition that I am afraid to drive it.

I am very glad to know that some one from your factory will be in this city on or before the 10th instent and will take my car to Plainfield.

I have driven the car about 25 miles since returning from California. Several times during this short drive something has happened which I assumed to be a grabbing of the piston in the scored cylinder. Whatever the cause, the result is a violent shaking of the car which after a few seconds disappears until next time.

Very truly yours,

C. H. Merriam

January 2, 1924

Miss Dorothy H. Huggins, Secretary,
Historical Society,
508 Wells Fargo Building,
San Francisco, Calif.

My dear Miss Huggins:

Will you kindly send me with bill for same, a set of Volume 1 of the Historical Society's Quarterly. I already have Volume 2, numbers 1, 2, and 3. Please send also a separate of Dr. Camp's article on Kit Carson in California.

Very truly yours,

C. H. Merriam

January 2, 1924

Dear Mr. Wagner:

On looking over some translations of California Indian material from Spanish manuscripts in the Bancroft Library I find one by Sebastian Rodriguez Cermenho describing his voyage to the coast of California. This is written in the first person and appears to be an entirely distinct account from the one you showed me, which I believe was written by one of his party.

The copy in the Bancroft Library is dated April 24, 1596, and signed Sebastian Ro. Cermenho --name spelled as here given.

Very truly yours,

C. Hart Merriam

Mr. H. R. Wagner,
Room 503 Wells Fargo Building,
San Francisco, California.

January 4, 1924

Miss Mildred LeConte,
Sierra Club,
402 Mills Building,
San Francisco, Calif.

My dear Miss LeConte:

Your letter of December 28 has just reached me.

The accompanying report of the Sierra Club Committee on Nomenclature of place names in the Sierra will be brought before the Executive Committee of the Government Geographic Board at its next meeting, on January 8.

Very truly yours,

C. Hart Merriam

Chairman.

January 4, 1923

Potomac Electric Power Company,
14th and C. Streets,
Washington, D. C.

Dear Sirs:

Herewith I am enclosing under protest check for $16.00 in payment of accompanying bill for current to December 20, 1923, minus the 80¢ for nonpayment of alleged April bill.

No April bill was received until after my return from California about a month ago, at which time I received a bill dated December 1, charging $8.00 for current, without any information as to dates of reading, plus 80¢ for nonpayment. I 'phoned you immediately asking for date of alleged April reading and after some time received a reply mentioning a date which was after I had left for California when the house was closed and locked up, proving that no reading had been made.

Furthermore the charge of $8.00 for April is out of all proportion to the amount of current consumed at that season of the year, and was obviously an imaginary figure.

Respectfully,

C. Hart Merriam

January 7, 1924

Dear Miss Eastwood:

We were very far behind hand this year in everything relating to Christmas and also in many other things, as a result of which much pressing work has not yet received attention and our usual Christmas sendings to California Indians have not even been purchased.

Your beautiful greens, especially the manzanitas and redwood sprays, came in perfect condition and are still a joy to us all. The beautiful flowers of A. canescens are remarkably persistant and as lovely as when they first came--for all of which we thank you.

You may have heard that on attempting to build a fire in the furnace on our arrival we found the water system cracked and empty so that a delay of several days was necessary before we could have any heat in the house. Then Elizabeth started house cleaning and bumped her head with much vigor against the exposed flange of a register box in the basement, splitting open her scalp from about an inch above the hair line to the middle of the forehead. This was immediately sewed up by a competent surgeon, but the shock and concussion kept her abed most of the time for three weeks; and, while she is now about the house half of each day, she is still hardly herself again but is gaining.

Miss Eastwood -2-

Dorothy and her children came a week or so ago and will be with us for a couple of weeks more. Her husband Henry Abbot came day before yesterday for a short stay. He is very busy with his engineering work in New England.

With kindest regards to your sister and others at the Academy,

As ever yours,
C. Hart Merriam

Miss Alice Eastwood,
Academy of Sciences,
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Retake of Preceding Frame

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Visalia, California.

Dear Mr. Stewart:

You have every reason to wonder at my delay in replying to your letter which came before our departure from Lagunitas. You inquired as to the truth or falsity of a rumor to the effect that the Tule River Indians were in danger of being removed to some other place.

I wrote the Commissioner of Indian Affairs, putting the question squarely up to him, but the wheels of the Government sometimes work slowly and I have only today received his reply, which is in part as follows: "There is no such action in contemplation . . . . The Indians residing there need have no fear of being disturbed."

The Commissioner states that the jurisdiction over the Tule River reservation has been transferred to a new agency established at Sacramento, which change I believe is likely to be beneficial rather than harmful.

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January 8, 1924

Hon. Charles H. Burke
Commissioner of Indian Affairs,
Washington, D. C.

Dear Sir:

Thanks for your letter of the 7th instant. I am very glad to know that the Tule River Indians need have no fear of being disturbed and that the rumor that they were in danger of being removed to some other place is without foundation.

I am glad also to know that you have established an agency at Sacramento. One of the great present needs of the Indians of Northern California is the services of a competent and sympathetic man to visit the numerous and widely separated bands and rancherias in order to ascertain first hand their actual condition and to render such help as may be practicable.

Another advantage much to be desired might be a restoration of confidence in the Indian Bureau--which has been badly shattered during the last few years.

Very truly yours,

C. Hart Merriam

January 8, 1924

Mr. John S. McGroarty,
San Gabriel, California.

My dear Sir:

Your letter of October 19, 1923, addressed to the postmaster at San Fernando, has just come to my attention in connection with the question now before the U. S. Geographic Board of the proper spelling of the place name commonly written Tuhunga in English and Tujunga in Spanish.

I note you remark that "Tujunga is an Aztec word meaning an Indian mother's smile". Is this not a good deal like the statement that Sonoma means "Valley of the moon"? Imagination is a good thing but hardly seems to fit the derivation of geographic names.

As a matter of fact Tahunga or Tuhunga is the name of an old Tongva [a Gabrieleno] rancheria mentioned in 1796 by Padre Santa Maria who, according to Bancroft, spelled it Tuyunga. In the Tongva language the terminal syllable of this and other like names is really "gna" and in this particular case the native pronunciation is Too-hoon-gna, which we English speaking Americans render Tuhunga.

Is there any sufficient reason why we Americans should spell Indian names according to the usages of the Spanish language, rather than the English language? In the case of names of Spanish origin I have always stood up for the proper Spanish spelling, but in the case of Indian names, such as Tuhunga, Mohave, Navaho and several

others I fail to see why we Americans should adopt a foreigner's spellings.

On the other hand, I admit that an overwhelming volume of local usage sometimes influences us to adopt the foreign spelling.

With best wishes and great admiration for your splendid Mission Play,

Very truly yours,

C. Hart Merriam

Chairman, U. S. Geographic Board.

January 10, 1924

Mr. Tillman H. Trask,
Pasadena, California.

My dear Sir:

Your letter of December 26, addressed to me at Lagunitas, my summer home, has been forwarded to me here in Washington.

Unfortunately very little is known about the Indians of Santa Catalina Island. There never was any tribe by the name of Torqua. Holder's novels, to which you refer, speak of a boy by that name but I have no reason to believe that the name occurred anywhere outside of his own imagination. At all events there was no such tribe.

The aboriginal name of Santa Catalina Island and of its Indians is recorded as Pimugna. Cabrillo called the island San Salvador.

As you doubtless know, there are two principal original sources of information concerning this island: Cabrillo (voyage of 1542) and Viscayno (voyage of 1602). The first English translation of Cabrillo, so far as I am aware, was published by Henry W. Henshaw in the Archaeology of the Wheeler Survey (Vol.7 of the large quarto Reports, pp.293-314, 1879). A more recent and much more careful translation was published by Bolton in his book entitled Spanish Exploration in the Southwest, 1542-1576, pp.13-39, 1916. Both of these works you can doubtless find in the Los Angeles library if not in Pasadena.

Trask -2-

There is also a very important paper, accompanied by a map, by Professor George Davidson in which he quotes both Cabrillo and Viscayno and identifies a very large proportion of the localities mentioned by these early explorers. (Report U. S. Coast and Geodetic Survey for 1886, pp.155-253, published in 1887)

In addition to these there is an interesting popular article by Dr. Gustav Eisen, entitled An Account of the Indians of the Santa Barbara Islands, published in Prag in 1904, in which the accounts of the Indians of Santa Catalina and other Islands by both Cabrillo and Viscayno are quoted.

An article on the Archaeology of Catalina Island by J. R. Mead, published in the Transactions of the Kansas Academy of Sciences, vol. 17, pp.215-216, 1901, states that the town of Avalon "is built on an ancient village site".

With best wishes,

Very truly yours,

C. Hart Merriam

Besides the works cited, there appeared in the San Francisco Chronicle of December 6, 1894, an article on the steatite quarry of Santa Catalina Island where the Indians made their pots, ollas, pipes and other articles of every day use.

January 12, 1924

Dr. B. W. Evermann,
Academy of Sciences,
San Francisco, Calif.

Dear Doctor Evermann:

Very many thanks for your courtesy in sending me a duplicate copy of the general account of the Academy's 1921 expedition to the Gulf of California.

With best wishes,

Very truly yours,

G. Hart Merriam

January 12, 1924

Dear Grinnell:

Pardon my delay in acknowledging your letter of December 20, and the valued present you sent me.

I had previously written you how much I admired your splendid work on the Cheyenne. Few men live long enough to undertake and carry out such a comprehensive and thorough study of a single tribe, and still fewer have the patience, the mental equipment, and the confidence of the Indians necessary to the completion of such an undertaking. You doubtless have myths and linguistic material also. Apart from these, the work appears to me the most complete in existence concerning any of our Indians.

A few days after our return from California Elizabeth bumped her head against the galvanized iron flange of a register box in the basement, splitting open her scalp from an inch above the hair line down to the middle of the forehead. This was sewed up within an hour and has healed nicely, but the shock of the concussion lasted for fully three weeks and she is hardly yet in normal condition, although very much better and improving daily.

Dorothy, who is visiting us with her two children, was operated on last week for appendecitis and is still in the hospital. She is making a splendid recovery and we expect to have her with us again next week.

With love from us all to Mrs. Grinnell and yourself,

As ever yours,

C. Hart Merriam

January 12, 1924

My dear Mr. Green:

Very many thanks for your letter of yesterday enclosing a clipping from the London Times of December 27 in regard to the Santa Barbara skulls. I am particularly interested in this as it is the first definite statement I have seen concerning the strata in and adjacent to the find.

Early last season I visited the Santa Barbara excavations with Harrington, but this was before the discovery of the skulls in question.

It is good to hear from you again and to know where you are located.

With best wishes and many thanks,

Very truly yours,

C. W. Hurlbut

Mr. Morris M. Green,
39 South Wyoming Ave.,
Ardmore, Penna.

January 15, 1924

My dear Mr. Law:

You and your good wife have been on the minds of the Merriam family ever since we left your hospitable home in the brush, but pressure of work, along with unforeseen troubles must be my excuse for long delay in writing.

On reaching home we found the boiler of our furnace split open and the entire water system empty. The repair required several days, during which Mrs. Merriam bumped her head with unnecessary vigor against the projecting flange of a galvanized iron register box in the cellar, ripping open her scalp and forehead for about three inches. The wound was promptly sewed up and has healed nicely, but the concussion to the brain kept her in bed most of the time for three weeks, and while she is now going out every day, she is by no means fully recovered.

Meanwhile our daughter Dorothy, who came with her two children for a little visit, developed appendicitis and was operated on. She is still in the hospital but is doing nicely and we hope for her return in a few days.

Thus far we have had an open winter with only one snow storm and that of not more than an inch or so.

We often speak of you and Mrs. Law in your snug little home at the foot of the mountains. You were fortunate in

finding so attractive a spot and your home is charming.

We were very glad to see the country you showed us, and fully appreciated your kindness in giving us so much time and attention, culminating in the meeting of so many fellow naturalists at your home in the evening.

With best wishes to you both,

Very truly yours,

C. Hart Merriam

Mr. Eugene J. Law,
Altadena, California.

January 15, 1924

Dear Mr. Dickey:

Thanks for yours of the 9th instant just received. I am glad that the reports of the Geographic Board reached you, but I am sorry to know that Frank Stephens was knocked off his bicycle. However, if he is able to attend to the shipment of pocket-gophers the inference is that he is still on board.

Mrs. Merriam has nearly recovered from the severe injury to her head, but to keep up the excitement my daughter Dorothy, who was visiting us with her two children, developed appendicitis and was operated on a week ago. She is still in the hospital but doing well and we expect that she will be able to return to us in a few days.

We are looking forward to an opportunity to see your famous moving pictures of Laysan Birds, to be shown at the National Museum on the 23rd instant by Alexander Wetmore.

With kindest regards to your mother and your wife,

Very truly yours,

C. Hart Merriam

Mr. Donald R. Dickey,
514 Lester Avenue,
Pasadena, Calif.

January 15, 1924

Mr. George R. Henkel,
Babb,
Montana.

Dear Sir:

Your letter of December 28 has been forwarded to me by the Biological Survey. In reply I would reiterate what I said in my letter of December 20, 1916, to the effect that I shall be glad to purchase skulls of Grizzly Bears carefully labelled with the name of the place where killed. If you have any on hand or if you should secure any in the near future, please write me and at the same time ship the specimens by express, carefully packed, addressed: U. S. Biological Survey, Dept. of Agriculture, Washington, D. C.

Very truly yours,

C. Hart Merriam

January 15, 1924

Mr. P. G. Smith,
Service Manager,
American Motors Corporation,
Plainfield, N. J.

Dear Sir:

Your letter of the 12th instant evidently crossed mine to you.

I very much regret that you are unable to send any of your men to drive my car to Plainfield. I may start with it myself in two or three days, but am fearful that it may break down on the way. I do not know the cause of the violent fits of shaking it has every little while, nor do I know anyone in this city to whom I would care to take it. If you have any agents or service stations in Baltimore, Philadelphia, or other points along the route I shall be obliged if you will give me their addresses at once so that I may know where to go if more serious trouble developes.

Very truly yours,

E. Burt Ferman

January 15, 1924

Mr. R. H. Wagner,
508 Wells Fargo Building,
San Francisco, California.

Dear Mr. Wagner:

I am greatly chagrined at the necessity for sending the telegram I did this morning in reply to yours asking for the article on my talk.

In addition to the verifying of references and the looking up of various matters, it was obvious that the whole thing needed rewriting. I have been engaged on this for some time past but have been interrupted by several matters and the article will not be ready for some days. It seems to me much better to delay publication than to go ahead with something I should always hate to see in print.

I shall look forward with interest to the appearance of the criticism from the man in Nevada, of whom you speak.

Your promised article on Cermeno's expedition will be of much interest to me and doubtless to many others also. I earnestly hope that it may appear in the near future.

With best wishes,

Very truly yours,

E. Burt Ferman

TELEGRAM

Washington, D. C.
January 15, 1924

California Historical Society
Wells Fargo Building,
San Francisco, California.

Regret article not yet ready. Will submit for next number.

C. Hart Merriam

[In reply to telegram asking for article.--ed.]

January 16, 1924

Mr. E. M. Lafonso,
Chico, California.

Dear Mr. Lafonso:

By this mail I am sending you a copy of the minutes of the meeting of the Advisory Council on Indian Affairs, appointed by Doctor Hubert Work, Secretary of the Interior, last summer.

The Committee was too big for effective work and there were too many missionaries and parsons among its members. Nevertheless, I feel that it accomplished much for the good and is a step in the right direction.

Mrs. Merriam, my daughter Zenaida, and myself were much disappointed in not being able to see you at Chico before our return, but various things happened to prevent. Toward the last, several Indians came to Lagunitas to see us, and then I had the misfortune to wound one of my legs with a brush-hook so that a small operation was necessary. It is all right now.

A few days after our return to Washington Mrs. Merriam stood up in the dark of our basement, butting her head forcibly against the sharp flange of a galvanized iron register box, cutting open her scalp from about an inch above the hair line to the middle of the forehead. This was sewed up at once and has healed nicely but the concussion of the brain resulting from the blow was much more serious and kept her in bed most of the time for three weeks. She is now nearly well,

My eldest daughter came with her two children for a visit and had the hard luck to develope appendicitis, for which she was operated on a week ago. She is now doing well in the hospital and hopes to return to us in a day or two.

We were glad to receive the nice little notes from your girls and hope to see you all early next season.

There seem to be no new developements in regard to The Case, but if anything turns up I will let you know.

With best wishes from us all to all of your family,

Very truly yours,

C. Hart Merriam

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January 16, 1924

Mr. James W. McGuire,
U. S. Coast and Geodetic Survey,
Washington, D. C.

My dear Mr. McGuire:

Thanks for your letter of the 10th instant and for the accompanying catalogue of charts which has now arrived.

I shall be greatly obliged if you will cause to be sent to me for use in connection with the Indian names of locations along the coast of California the following charts:

5403, Monterey Bay
5476, Point Sur
5703, Mendocino City region
5773, Shelter Cove region
5795, Cape Mendocino
5895, Point St. George,
Also 9400, Northern Alaska.

Very truly yours,
C. Hart Merriam
Chairman, U. S. Geographic Board.

Kindly mail these to me at:
1919 - 16th Street,
Washington, D. C.

January 16, 1924

James H. Barry Company
Publishers
San Francisco, Calif.

Dear Sirs:

Some years ago I purchased a set of Englehardt's 'Missions and Missionaries of California', published by you, 1908-16. I now find that Volume I is imperfect, with pp. 162-192 missing, and a second set of pp. 481-509 bound in their place.

I should be very glad if you would exchange this imperfect copy for a perfect one, or if this is not possible, let me know how I can secure a perfect copy.

Very truly yours,

C. Hart Merriam

January 16, 1924

Mr. Jos. Codoni,
Chevrolet Agency,
San Rafael, Calif.

My dear Sir:

Not having received a bill from you for the work you were to do in overhauling my Chevrolet Baby-grand, I am writing to inquire if the work has been done and if the car is now stored with Duffy Brothers.

Very truly yours,

C. Hart Merriam

January 16, 1924

Mr. Stephen Knight,
Ukiah, California.

My dear Mr. Knight:

Many thanks for your long letter of the 2nd instant which I was very glad to have. I am obliged for the trouble you took in answering my inquiry as to the worthless land assigned to certain Lake County Indians which you tell me are the Sulphur Bank people. But you did not tell me just where the arid area in question is.

A few days ago Doctor Hubert Work, Secretary of the Interior, sent me the report of the Advisory Council on Indian Affairs, and I take great pleasure in forwarding a copy to you by this mail.

By the way, can you give me Gillis' address? I want to write him and do not know whether to send the letter to his former address, Heroult.

From some newspaper clippings received last evening, I learn that you have brought a case against the county for refusing to allow your young daughter to enter the public school. I most earnestly hope you will win out. This matter of denying Indian children school privileges in California is a disgrace to the state.

With best wishes and kind regards to your family from us all,

Very truly yours,

C. Hart Merriam

January 16, 1924

Sparrow Brothers,
San Rafael, California

Dear Sirs:

Are you taking care of my battery? I have not heard from the car since leaving California and want to be sure that the battery is receiving proper attention as usual. I left the car with Mr. Codoni at the Chevrolet agency for some repairs, after which it was to be stored for the winter at Duffy Brothers.

Very truly yours,

C. Hart Merriam

January 17, 1924

Dr. Thomas S. Arbuthnot
6425 Fifth Avenue
Pittsburgh, Penna.

My dear Sir:

Replying to your letter of the 14th instant in which you inquire as to the existence of literature relating to the peculiar tissue at the base of the horn of the Rocky Mountain Goat, would say that the only reference to this which I find among my papers on the animal is the following:

Under date of February 7, 1905, it is stated in the Abstract of the Proceedings of the Zoological Society of London that Frederick Gillett exhibited some mounted heads of the Rocky Mountain Goat with the object of calling attention to a gland lying at the base of each horn, which he believed had not been previously described.

In the Proceedings of the Zoological Society for 1905, Vol.1, Pt. 1, dated June 1905, the following statement occurs:

"Mr. Frederick Gillett, F.Z.S., exhibited some mounted heads of the Rocky Mountain Goat (Haploceros montanus), and made the following remarks:--

'I have brought here to-night, specimens of the Rocky Mountain Goat, with the object of pointing out a gland which lies at the base of each horn and acts, one might almost say, as a pad to it. Under the external skin these glands consist of a soft red tissue saturated with a milky substance, like the udder of a cow. In the specimen at our Gardens these glands are partially covered up by long hair at the present time, but in October and November they are more conspicuous. The older the animal, the more pronounced are the glands.'"

Very truly yours

C. Hart Merriam

January 21, 1924

Mrs. Ruth Fulton Benedict,
Bedford Hills, New York.

My dear Mrs. Benedict:

On returning from eight months of field work among the Indians of California I found a copy of your interesting paper entitled Concept of the Guardian Spirit in North America. It is a fine thing to bring together the results of the study of such a large number of students.

In this connection perhaps you will pardon me for calling your attention to two or three of my publications which you seem to have overlooked. These are entitled:

Totemism in California--American Anthropologist, Vol.X, No.4, Oct.-Dec., 1908.

Transmigration in California--Journal of American Folklore, Oct.-Dec., 1909.

Dawn of the World, Weird Myths of the Mewan Indians of California, 1910.

While not all of these are in the direct line of your investigation, nevertheless you may find in each something that bears on your work.

With best wishes,

Very truly yours,
C. Hart Merriam

January 21, 1924

Mr. Newton B. Drury, Secretary,
Save-the-Redwoods League,
Monadnock Building,
San Francisco, California.

My dear Mr. Drury:

Thanks for the report of the League just received.

I note that both in the text and on the map, instead of Kettintelbe, the name adopted by the Government Board and published on maps of the American Automobile Association, you have printed Phillipsville.

This raises the question: Does the Redwood League intend to disregard the decisions of the U. S. Geographic Board, or does it wish to file a protest against the use of Indian names? In the latter case, what would the League do with the place names Olema, Sonoma, Napa, Olumpali, Petaluma, and numerous others of like nature?

Kettintelbe is the name of a former Indian village and tract of land now occupied by ranch buildings, orchard, cornfield and adjacent redwood forest. The village itself stood on the ground now covered by the orchard. The restoration of the name has seemed to many beside myself particularly appropriate, the more so since it displaces the abominable and misleading name Phillipsville.

Very truly yours,
C. Hart Merriam

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January 21, 1924

Editor American Forests,
1523 L Street, N. W.,
Washington, D. C.

My dear Sir:

Why is it that your publication continues to apply a wrong name to the Bigtree or Giant Sequoia? In other words why should you transpose the name of the Coast Redwood, so known throughout the world, and use it as a headline for a totally different species with a totally different distribution?

Can you tell me where the photograph on page 36 of the January issue entitled "Good Tonnage" and said to represent a sixty-five year old stand of second growth Redwood, was taken. There is something very abnormal about these trees and I cannot quite make it out.

I suppose the generic name "Malenarea", printed under an orchid, is a typographical slip for Habenaria.

With best wishes for the success of the journal, under its slightly different title,

Very truly yours,

C. Hart Merriam

January 21, 1924

Mr. A. L. Faris,
U. S. Coast and Geodetic Survey,
Washington, D. C.

My dear Mr. Faris:

Very many thanks for your courtesy in sending me the Coast Survey charts for which I asked a few days ago. They arrived in good condition this morning and will be useful in locating points for which I have native Indian names, and also I hope for additional names to be secured during the coming season.

Thanking you and Mr. McGuire for your attention in the matter,

Very truly yours,

C. Hart Merriam

January 21, 1924

Mr. W. Lee Chambers,
Eagle Rock,
Los Angeles, Calif.

My dear Mr. Chambers:

In reply to your circular letter about the cost of printing for the Cooper Ornithological Club, I take pleasure in enclosing herewith my check for $5.00 as a very small contribution to be applied to the publication fund.

With best wishes,

Very truly yours,

C. Hart Merriam

P. S. A short time ago I wrote Joseph Grinnel that I had not yet received the number of Avifauna relating to the Birds of the Santa Rita Mountains.

January 21, 192[illegible]

Rev. F. G. Collett,
Indian Board of Cooperation,
3 City Hall Avenue,
San Francisco, Calif.

My dear Sir:

Replying to your letter of the 10th instant I am at present so overwhelmed with work that I cannot promise to write any additional articles this winter. I have not yet been able to finish one entitled "A Regrettable Chapter in the History of California", which I promised the Historical Society.

Herewith I am enclosing check of $3.75 for three copies of the Indian Herald for 1924. Of the December number (Vol.I, No.4) I have received two copies, not three.

Very truly yours,

C. Hart [illegible]

January 22, 1924

Mr. M. P. Skinner
College of Forestry
Roosevelt Wild Life Experiment Station
Syracuse, New York.

Dear Sir:

Replying to your interesting letter of the 14th instant would say that I have no personal knowledge of the fossil and semi-fossil bear skulls that have been found in a number of places in England, Ireland, and Scotland, and which have been variously identified by different authors.

Personally I have no respect for the identifications, for the simple reason that the skulls in question have never been critically studied by anyone competent to identify the species of bears. And it might be added that no one on either continent could identify this material without making an exhaustive study of the group.

I am very glad to know that so much material is preserved in the British Museum of Natural History and am obliged to you for giving me a copy of the labels. Thus far no competent study of European bears living or extinct, has yet been made.

Very truly yours,

C. Hart Merriam

January 22, 1924

Mr. D. C. Davies, Director,
Field Museum of Natural History,
Chicago, Illinois.

My dear Sir:

I have just received two copies each of your publications entitled (No.214) Zoological Series, Contents and Index to Volume X; and (No.215) Volume XV, Part 1. The pen numbers opposite the place for my name and address are respectively 2547 and 2580.

I assume that one copy was intended for someone else. If for anyone in this city I might deliver it, otherwise shall I not return it to you?

I am glad to see that the Field Museum is publishing so many important contributions to Science.

Very truly yours,

C. Hart Merriam

January 22, 1924

Board of Managers,
Wistar Institute of Anatomy and Biology,
Philadelphia, Pennsylvania.

Dear Sirs:

Recently I have had the privilege of looking over a copy of the Autobiography of Isaac Jones Wistar, published by your Institute in 1914. The book contains so much important material relating to the animals and Indians of the western United States observed by Wistar along the route traversed in 1849 and later in northern California, that I should like very much to secure a copy for frequent reference.

Can the book be supplied by your Institute and if so at what price?

Very truly yours,

C. Hart Merriam

January 26, 1924

Mr. P. G. Smith, Service Manager,
American Motors Corporation,
Plainfield, New Jersey.

My dear Sir:

In telling you about the troubles with my car yesterday I forgot to mention one rather important matter: the transmission leaks oil into the clutch. This makes the clutch stick so that the gears cannot be shifted without rasping. Just before starting on this trip I had the clutch washed out with gasoline which temporarily cured the trouble.

I still feel that the difficulty of adjustment of the brakes is one of the most serious troubles with the car, for the reason that when one of the brakes drags the engine heats. That the adjustment is exceedingly difficult is proved by the fact that your own factory man, when he was here last spring, was unable to do more than make a partial adjustment. He admitted frankly that he could not adjust the brakes so that the two would apply with equal pressure.

Very truly yours,

C. Hartman

January 26, 1924

Mr. Ernest N. Smith,
General Manager,
American Automobile Association,
Washington, D. C.

My dear Sir:

Replying to your communication of yesterday requesting that the signatures of the Advisory Committee be appended to the letter, of which you enclosed a copy, soliciting new members for the Association, would say that I have no objection to the use of my name in this connection provided other members of the Committee agree.

Referring to the paragraph of your letter relating to the gasoline and personal tax, I would suggest the transposition of the two clauses so that it will read: "and preventing the retention of a personal tax on autos in addition to the proposed two cent gasoline tax."

The reason for this transposition is that as the sentence stands in the letter, the implication is that the Association is endeavoring to prevent the imposition of a two cent gasoline tax whereas, unless I am greatly mistaken, we are all strongly in favor of this tax.

Very truly yours,

C. Hartman

January 28, 1924

Mr. William E. Connelley, Secretary,
Kansas State Historical Society,
Topeka, Kansas.

My dear Sir:

Very many thanks for your interesting letter of January 10, in relation to Jedediah Smith.

I am particularly grateful for your courtesy in sending me a copy of your copy of Smith's letter of July 12, 1827, which differs materially in capitalization and punctuation, and to a less extent in wording, from the copy on file in the Indian Office.

It is good to know that you have the additional material of which you speak relating to Smith, and I earnestly hope you will be able to publish it in the not distant future.

I wonder if this material contains any information relating to Smith's movements after he returned to his party in California in 1827 and before he reached the northwest coast of the State.

Shortly after the receipt of your letter I sent you my two papers on Smith for your personal collection.

With best wishes and renewed thanks for the trouble you have taken in my behalf,

Very truly yours,

C. Hart Merriam

January 29, 1924

Dr. Owen C. Coy,
Bancroft Library,
Berkeley, California.

Dear Doctor Coy:

The arrival of the first number of the California History Nugget prompts me to express my pleasure to the editor and at the same time call attention to one or two matters which seem to me hardly dignified in a publication of this kind.

The case to which I take exception is the article entitled "The Indians Used to Say", in which an alleged Indian story is copied from Miss Judson's Myths and Legends of California and the Old Southwest. Nothing is said as to the tribe from whom the myth was obtained or by whom it was obtained. On referring to Miss Judson's book I find that she attributes it to the "Shastika", but omits to mention by whom it was obtained; and it might be added that there is in California no tribe of this name, though doubtless the Shasta is the tribe meant. Predigested stories of this kind, based on a combination of an Indian myth with a normal imagination, are likely to prove interesting to children, but in a historical magazine, is one not justified in expecting something more authentic?

On page 9, in a very interesting article on Bidwell, it is said that "the missionaries were on their way to the Flathead Indians in what is now Idaho." Is not "Idaho" a slip of the pen?

On page 10, Bidwell is given the distinction of probably being "the first white man to look upon the giant redwoods in California." Do you not agree that in the interest of accuracy it is better to restrict the name Redwood to the Redwood proper of the coast region and call its relative in the Sierra by either one or the other of its two correct names, Big Tree or Giant Sequoia?

Apart from these little matters, which I am sure you will forgive me for mentioning, I like the magazine very much and believe it will prove of distinct educational value and at the same time pave the way for the more technical publications relating to the history of the State.

A short time ago I was somewhat puzzled by a reference in the fifties to some Indians attributed to Mariposa County--Indians clearly belonging to a desert tribe on the east side of the Sierra. This led me to look the matter up in your most valuable Genesis of California Counties, which you were kind enough to give me last fall. Here, on the map facing page 15, showing conditions in 1855, I was delighted to find Mariposa County extending all the way to the Nevada line. This is merely one instance to show the time-saving value of this book of yours.

With best wishes, and congratulations on the birth of your new child,

Very truly yours,

C. Hart Merriam

I am enclosing a dollar to pay for an additional subscription to the California History Nugget, in order to have a copy for cutting up.

January 29, 1924

Mr. Ovid M. Butler,
Editor, American Forests,
Lenox Building,
Washington, D. C.

Dear Sir:

Your letter of the 26th instant in reply to mine protesting against the use of the term Redwood when you mean Giant Sequoia is at hand. I am pained and at the same time astonished that you should attempt to defend the use of the wrong name of a tree in preference to the correct name, because "the average person refers to both Sequoia sempervirens and Sequoia gigantea as Redwoods." Why not on the same ground defend the use of the word Deer for the Arctic Caribou, animals whose ranges are separated by many hundred miles, because many explorers have confused the names of these animals--and so on without end.

It certainly is depressing to know that the editor of a magazine professedly educational in character is willing to defend what he knows to be the erroneous name of a species, thereby confusing two widely different species that inhabit widely separate ranges--in other words, preferring chaos to order.

Hoping that you will reform,

Very truly yours,

C. Hart Merriam

January 29, 1924

Dr. Witmer Stone,
Academy of Sciences,
Philadelphia, Penna.

Dear Doctor Stone:

Very many thanks for the copy of the Academy's Report of Operations for 1922 which you were good enough to send me a short time ago.

On page 32 Rehn, in speaking of the hills about Priest Valley, says, "The bushy-tailed ground squirrels (Ammospermophilus) were exceedingly abundant everywhere within the hills." Does this not strike you as an extraordinary combination of English and scientific names? Whoever heard of calling Ammospermophilus the bushy-tailed ground squirrel.

In his thirst for grasshoppers may he not have referred to the common bushy-tailed ground squirrel of the greater part of California, Citellus beecheyi ?

Very truly yours,

C. Hart Merriam

January 31, 1924

Mr. N. M. Minnix,
713-13th Street,
Washington, D. C.

My dear Mr. Minnix:

Your letter of yesterday in regard to helping the Y. M. C. A. in its effort to secure more funds has just reached me.

While fully appreciating the valuable work this Association is doing, I do not find myself in a position to contribute. For many years past I have been spending about half of each year (the past year eight months) in California at work among the unfortunate Indians of that state. I have been helping them so far as my limited means would permit for the past twenty or twenty-five years, and during recent years have transferred my charities from the District of Columbia to California.

Regretting that I am not financially able to assist in both directions,

Very truly yours,

C. Hart Merriam

January 31, 1924

Mr. Henry Goddard Leach
Editor, The Forum
247 Park Avenue
New York City.

My dear Mr. Leach:

Replying to your letter of yesterday asking for an expression of opinion as to our national duty toward Indians, would say that I am deeply interested in the matter of the Government's policies in regard to Indians, particularly those of California and Nevada, with many tribes of which I have been doing field work for more than thirty years.

But just now I am so overwhelmed with work that I doubt if it will be practicable to write the article you desire for the March Forum. However, as soon as present pressure lets up a little, I will see what I can do.

Very truly yours,

C. Hart Merriam

January 31, 1924

Mr. C. T. Conover,
408 Marion Street,
Seattle, Washington.

My dear Mr. Conover:

Thanks for your letter of the 25th instant in regard to a new attempt to change the name of Mount Rainier. I have read with interest your letter on the subject in the Seattle Times.

The new attempt of which you speak has not yet come to the attention of the U. S. Geographic Board.

Very truly yours,

C. Hart Merriam

January 31, 1924

The Robinson-Codoni Company,
San Rafael, California.

Dear Sirs:

Very many thanks for your letter and bill just received.

I am much pleased to know that you have put my car in good shape and am pleased also with the very moderate bill. My check for $27.25 in payment is herewith enclosed.

Before returning to California I will gladly avail myself of your kind order to get the car and have it ready for the road.

Very truly yours,

C. Hart Merriam

February 1, 1924

Mr. George Derby
Editor, National Cyclopedia of American Biography,
New York City.

Dear Sir:

Replying to your letter of January 28, I am enclosing data concerning my uncle, Augustus Chapman Merriam.

The line of descent of our Merriam line, for which you ask, I have given on Augustus C. Merriam's sheet, enclosed. The same applies to myself with the addition of my father, Hon. Clinton L. Merriam, born at Leyden, New York, March 25, 1824, died February 18, 1900. Augustus Chapman Merriam was my father's youngest brother.

In your letter you speak of my great-grandfather as Hon. Ela Nathaniel Merriam. This is not correct. Ela Nathaniel Merriam was my uncle (my father's elder brother). My great-grandfather's name was Judge Nathaniel Merriam. My grandfather was Gen. Ela Merriam.

Very truly yours,

C. Hart Merriam

AUGUSTUS CHAPMAN MERRIAM (1843-1895)

In 1886-1887 he was President of the American Philological Association. In 1887-1888 he was a Director of the American School of Classical Studies at Athens. At one time he was President of the New York Society of the Archaeological Institute of America.

Professor Merriam superintended important excavations at Sicyon and at Icaria, in Athens. His investigations in 1888 determined the birthplace of Thespis. Among his more important writings were "The Phoecacians of Homer," (1880); "The Greek and Latin Inscriptions on the Obelisk Crab in Central Park," (1883); "The Sixth and Seventh Books of Herodotus," (1885); "The Law Code of Gortynia in Crete, Text, Translation, and Comment," (1886).

Telegram

February 1, 4

L. Raphael

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C. Hart Merriam

1919 Sixteenth St. North 5198

February 2, 1924

Mr. W. I. Adams
Accountant, Smithsonian Institution
Washington, D. C.

Dear Mr. Adams:

Herewith I am forwarding my belated expense account for December, amounting to $106.31, and the January account of $111.82, and also ~~sundry~~ vouchers for Miss Ellen Allston, Stenographer, January salary, $125.00, and J. W. Scollick for cleaning 37 bear skulls, $18.50, all of which kindly pay from the Harriman fund.

Sub-voucher 7 of the January account has not been received from California but will be forwarded later.

Very truly yours,

C. Hart Merriam

A word of explanation as to the items for gas & electric current, of which I am charging one third to office account. A Welsbach gas burner is going most of the time over Miss Clemence's desk, and an electric light over Miss Allston's; also a 5-lamp electric fixture on the ceiling. And incidentally it might be added that last winter when the girls worked in my house, it was necessary to keep the oil furnace agoing most of the time at a cost for fuel of $290; and for the two months just passed of this winter I have paid $132 for fuel--not to mention $39.20 for a fireplace gas heater. No part of these items have been, nor will they ever be, charged to the Harriman Fund. I am mentioning them only for your information.—cm

Thanks for statement of Harriman Fund account for calendar year 1923, just recd.—

C. Hart Merriam

1919 - 16th Street, Washington, D. C.

Expense Account for December 1923

			Sub-V.	
Dec.	6	House-cleaning office rooms		$5.00
	6	Am. Rway Express charges on 2 boxes MSS, maps. & vocabularies, San Rafael, Calif.-Washn D.C.	1	19.34
	8	Nat. Window Cleaning Co., Office windows		2.40
	9	Extra copy Sunset Magazine for April 1923	1a	.50
	11	2 Desk bottles Flo-Gum	2	.70
	12	Subscription Rod & Gun in Canada, 1924	3	2.00
	13	Cheyenne Indians by G.B.Grinnell (2 vols.)	4	10.00
	13	Allen's Press Clippings (Indians & Bears for Nov)	5	5.04
	18	S.W.Zveare, New England Furniture Co. caning 5 office chairs @ 2.50	6	12.~~00~~ 50
	20	Andrews Paper Co., ½ doz pencils	7	.30
	20	Chas. G. Stott, office stationery	8	2.00
	31	J. G. Gillick Co., San Francisco, Separate) Jedediah Smith's Route Salt Lake to Calif. [illegible]		15.00
		Nature Magazine for 1924		2.00
		Postage and stamped envelopes		2.10
		Books & other presents for Calif. Indians		12.80
		Postage & insurance Xmas packages to Indians		3.20
		Cleaning office rooms month December		3.00
		Pot. Electric Co. Current to Dec.20, $16 (⅓ 5.33)	9	5.33
		Washn Gas-Light Co. Gas to Dec.24, $10.80 (⅓ 3.60)	10	3.60
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1919 -16th Street, Washington, D. C.

Expense Account January 1924

		Sub-V.	
Jan. 2	Canadian Field Naturalist for 1924		1.50
2	Journal Washington Acad. Sciences		5.00
10	Chas. G. Stott Co. 2 Qts. Flo-Gum Paste	1	3.00
10	Va. Paper Co. 5000 sheets typewriter paper	2	6.80
15	Allens Press Clippings for Dec., Indians & bears	3	3.00
15	Proc.Biol. Soc.$3.00, 2 copies Index $4.00	4	7.00
16	Zool. Soc. N.Y., Bulletin for 1924		1.50
17	The Redman in the U. S.	5	2.94
18	Mazama Magazine for 1923 (2 copies) & postage		2.24
18	Scientific Monthly 1924		5.00
21	Science for 1924		6.00
21	Field & Stream for 1924		2.50
21	Indian Board Cooperation 3 copies Ind.Herald 1914		3.75
21	Calif.Historical Soc.Quarterly Vol.I $6.; Kit Carson in California, $3.00	6	9.00
23	Calif.Historical Soc.Quarterly for 1924		10.00
30	Robinson-Codoni Co.San Rafael,Calif. Overhauling Calif. field car, including new parts	7	27.25
30	Bird-Lore for 1924		1.50
	Wash'n Gas-Light Co. Gas Dec.24-Jan.24 $18.90 (-12)	8	6.30
	Pot.Electric Co. Current Dec.22-Jan.19 $14.60 (-10)	9	4.86
	Stamped Envelopes & postage		2.68
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C. Hart Merriam

February 4, 1924

Hon. George H. Moses,
Chairman Joint Committee on Printing
U. S. Senate
Washington, D. C.

Dear Sir:

From 1885 to 1910, when chief of the Biological Survey, I received each year a copy of the Congressional Directory, but for several years past none has been sent me.

I am writing to enquire whether or not as Chairman of the U. S. Geographic Board (which position I have held for several years) I am entitled to a copy. I shall be obliged if you will kindly inform me as to this.

Respectfully,

C. Hart Merriam

February 4, 1924

Dr. Paul Bartsch
U. S. National Museum
Washington, D. C.

Dear Doctor Bartsch:

Replying to your letter of January 19 in regard to the papers presented at the Baird Memorial, I shall be obliged if you will kindly return my manuscript so that if opportunity offers, I may publish it.

Very truly yours,

C. Hart Merriam

February 4, 1924

Duvall & Company
722 -11th Street
Washington, D. C.

Dear Sirs:

Thanks for your courtesy in sending me a slip to attach to my insurance policy, permitting the use of a No-Kol oil heater in my house.

Inasmuch as you do not mention the large tank which the No-Kol Company announced to its customers could be installed in the basement under a new District regulation, I assume that this is not approved by the underwriters.

Very truly yours,

C. Hart Merriam

February 6, 1924

Mr. James A. G. Rehn
Academy of Natural Sciences
Philadelphia, Penna.

Dear Mr. Rehn:

Thanks for your interesting letter of the 3rd instant correcting the reference to Ammospermophilus for the Priest Valley Groundsquirrel mentioned in your report on explorations in the southwest, published in the Academy's report for 1923.

Your closing remark in regard to Xerospermophilus, Ammospermophilus, and Callospermophilus is hard to answer in a single sentence, for the reason that the interrelations of these groups are widely different. Callospermophilus and Ammospermophilus are very distinct genera which no one nowadays would think of combining with any other genera, while Xerospermophilus and Otospermophilus are so closely related to Citellus that most mammalogists regard them as merely subgenera.

With best wishes,

Very truly yours,
C. Hart Merriam

February 6, 1924

Mr. Newton B. Drury
Secretary, Save The Redwoods League
University of California
Berkeley, California.

My dear Mr. Drury:

Thanks for your letter of January 29. I am very glad to know that in your next map of the Redwood region and in future publications on the subject you will insert the name Kettintelbe instead of Phillipsville; and I am pleased to note that you mean to be in accord with the decisions of the U. S. Geographic Board.

It is a matter of regret that I have not yet obtained any detailed information or story in connection with the old village of Kettintelbe, but I know one old Indian woman whose grandmother was born there and from whom I hope to obtain interesting details the next time I visit her.

With best wishes,

Very truly yours,
C. Hart Merriam

February 6, 1924

Dr. F. V. Coville
Chairman, Research Committee
National Geographic Society
Washington, D. C.

Dear Doctor Coville:

Referring to your letter of February 1, addressed to the members of the Wulsin Advisory Committee, I concur in Mr. Wulsin's recommendation that at present no further steps on the part of the Society be taken.

Very truly yours,

C. Hart Merriam

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February 9, 1924

Prof. J. McK. Cattell,
Garrison, New York.

Dear Professor Cattell:

A year ago at the request of the Baird Memorial Committee I delivered an address entitled 'Baird the Naturalist', and gave the manuscript to Doctor Paul Bartsch, Chairman of the Committee, who was supposed to send it with others to you for publication, if you cared to print them.

From time to time the addresses of Doctor Jordan and others have appeared, either in Science or the Scientific Monthly. Wondering what had become of mine, I wrote Doctor Bartsch and found that he had not sent it to you. I withdrew it therefore and am enclosing it herewith. It is rather long, but if you care to publish it in either of your journals you are at liberty to omit at your discretion the matter beginning with the bottom paragraph of page 10 and ending just before the last paragraph of page 12, this matter being perhaps too personal to myself.

In case the article is not wanted, kindly return (return postage enclosed).

Very truly yours,

C. Hart Merriam

February 9, 1924

Hon. George H. Moses,
U. S. Senate
Washington, D. C.

Dear Mr. Moses:

Very many thanks for your courtesy in sending me two copies of the last issue of the Congressional Directory. These have just arrived, and are much appreciated. I shall take one copy to my California headquarters, where I am engaged in field work for about half of every year.

Very truly yours,

C. Hart Merriam

February 9, 1924

Mr. Leslie L. Biffle,
Superintendent Folding Room,
U. S. Senate,
Washington, D. C.

Dear Sir:

Can you send me a copy of the joint resolution introduced by Senator Dill and Congressman Johnson, asking for the change of name of Mount Rainier to Mount Takoma?

Respectfully,

C. Hart Merriam

Chairman, U. S. Geographic Board.

February 12, 1924

Mr. F. G. Smith
Service Manager,
American Motors Corporation,
Plainfield, New Jersey.

My dear Mr. Smith:

Thanks for your letter dated February 8, which arrived yesterday. I was disappointed not to have the car during the fine weather we are having, and note that you do not expect to be able to drive it to Baltimore until Thursday, the 21st. If I am not able to go to Plainfield, and this is very doubtful, I will meet you in Baltimore about noon on Thursday the 21st, if you will kindly tell me where to find you, as I do not know the address of your Baltimore agency.

You will pardon me I am sure if I call your attention again to the matter of the brakes, as this was one of the fundamental troubles with the car. Your mechanic, when he was here last spring spent about half a day struggling with the brakes but was unable to adjust them properly. He agreed with a local machinist whom I had previously consulted, that there was insufficient margin between the brakes when in operation and when released. In other words he was unable to adjust the brakes not only so that they would draw evenly on the two sides, but also so that they would act properly in stopping the car and

at the same time not engage continually on one of the wheels. This continual pressure of the brake caused the motor to heat cumulatively, so that it was impossible to make a long drive unless the brakes were loosened so that they were dangerous.

Furthermore, one of the brake drums was not centered properly, the result being that the brake engaged and loosened with each revolution of the wheel. This of course is a very serious condition. What did you do with the scored cylinder?

Very truly yours,

C. Hart Thurber

February 12, 1924

Hon. Charles H. Burke,
Commissioner of Indian Affairs,
Washington, D. C.

My dear Sir:

Will you be good enough to tell me what criterion in the way of blood kinship or otherwise the Indian Bureau makes use of in determining whether or not a person is an Indian.

Very truly yours,

C. Hart Merriam

February 12, 1924

Prof. W. W. Campbell
President, University of California,
Berkeley, California.

Dear Professor Campbell:

Among the Indian tales which I was fortunate enough to gather last summer was one relating to the sun, moon, and stars, given me by a very old Indian living on Pit River in northeastern California. He spoke repeatedly of the "South Star" which he described as a little red star that shows itself in the far south on or about January 20 every winter, and disappears on or about March 24. Can you tell me the name of this star?

With best wishes to Mrs. Campbell and yourself,

Very truly yours,

C. Hart Merriam

February 12, 1924

Dr. C. C. Abbot,
Smithsonian Institution,
Washington, D. C.

Dear Doctor Abbot:

Last fall an old Indian in the Pit River country in northeastern California told me some interesting things about a star which he called the "South Star", and which he described as a little red star which came into view in the far south on or about January 20 each winter and disappeared on or about March 20.

Can you tell me what the proper name of this star is?

Very truly yours

C. Hart Merriam

February 12, 1924

Dear Sprague:

A short time ago your father made us a call on his way home from California. He had on a previous visit here told me that you had Natural History leanings and I had advised him to have you call on Professor Loye Miller of the southern division of the University of California. Loye Miller is a naturalist of high standing and of a particularly pleasing personality. He has two boys of his own, one of whom is a remarkably alert and enthusiastic field naturalist. Professor Miller has published on the fossil birds from Rancho La Brea and is the authority on the subject. He is, moreover, most kindly disposed toward youthful naturalists and would, I am sure, be a real help to you. His advice is worth heeding.

Your father had a sort of general idea that you had been interested in bugs, but that your present interests are more in the line of fossils or the succession of life in the rocks. If you could arrange to hear Professor Miller's lectures on Biology I am sure you would gain much therefrom.

Your father told me that he had sent, or was about to send you a number of publications from the American Museum of Natural History in New York, and that you were interested to see a number from the Smithsonian Institution. I asked as to

the particular fields in which you were interested but found that he was not clear on this point; and since the publications of the Smithsonian cover practically the whole field of science in Mathematics, Astronomy, Physics, Zoology, Botany, Paleontology, Anthropology, and so on, it is of course out of the question to attempt to furnish what you want without knowing just what your needs are.

When I first visited the Smithsonian, about 54 years ago, I was an ambitious youth and imagined that I needed all the literature of Science, and succeeded in obtaining from Professor Henry and Professor Baird a whole lot of publications which I have never yet looked at farther than the title pages.

As a result of a personal experience of more than half a century as a naturalist and ethnologist I feel rather strongly that in the early stages of one's career it is better to overdo than to overread. In other words, that it is far better to study Natural History in the field than in the library, using books for the identification of the animals and plants observed and collected. For a beginner, collecting is the most important of all, the trapping of small mammals, the collecting of birds, and the preparation of skins of both, giving a young man the first steps in fitting him for the life of a naturalist. When he has made himself thoroughly competent along these lines, the more advanced steps will naturally follow.

In my 16th year I had already collected and prepared so

many specimens of mammals and birds and had learned so much of their habits and relations that I was appointed Naturalist of the Hayden Survey and was thereby able to gratify the greatest ambition of my life -- to work as a field naturalist in the far west (in Utah, Idaho, Wyoming, and Montana). This was the turning point in my life.

A person who has aspirations to become a naturalist must begin at the bottom or he will never attain the end he is seeking. A young man who depends for his knowledge of nature on books rather than earnest field work generally comes to occupy a position comparable to that of a girl whose education is mainly in the line of afternoon teas, dances, and high-heeled shoes.

The knowledge of the various species of animals as one meets them afield gives one a quiet enjoyment throughout life that is unattainable in any other way.

During the 25 years while chief of the Government Biological Survey, I had rather a large experience with young men who imagined -- or whose parents imagined -- that they were anxious to become naturalists. As a matter of fact what they really wanted was to see the "wild and woolly west." After a good many sad experiences I arrived at the conclusion that it was not worth while to consider the application of any young man until he had submitted a carefully-labelled collection of mammals and birds, with such additions of reptiles, insects,

or plants as his interests had prompted him to make.

If it is practicable I hope you will plan to make me a little visit at Lagunitas after my return in the early spring, so that we may have an opportunity to talk matters over in the field. Meanwhile I hope you will not fail to have a good talk with Professor Loye Miller, and tell him that I sent you to him.

With best wishes and kind regards to your mother,

Very truly yours,

E. Mott Thurlow

Mr. Sprague de Camp,
Hollywood, California.

February 13, 1924

Hon. John F. Miller
House of Representatives
Washington, D. C.

My dear Mr. Miller:

Your letter of the 9th instant is at hand, together with copies of the Joint Resolution offered in the House and Senate on January 17, aiming to change the name of Mount Rainier to Mount Tacoma, for which I am obliged.

In the event that hearings are scheduled on this bill I shall be very glad to comply with your request to appear before the Committee as representative and Chairman of the U. S. Geographic Board.

As you are doubtless aware, the Geographic Board was established 32 years ago, by executive order of President Harrison, as the authority in the determination of Geographic names in the United States and Alaska.

Seventeen years ago, by order of President Theodore Roosevelt, dated January 23, 1906, the functions of the Board were amplified and it was charged with, "the duty of determining, changing, and fixing place names within the United States and insular possessions."

On several occasions delegations from the city of Tacoma in the state of Washington have come to the National Capital

for the purpose of persuading the Board to change the name of Mount Rainier to that of their city, Tacoma. The Board has uniformly declined to do this. At the last hearing, after listening to the statements and arguments of the delegates, the Geographic Board, by unanimous vote of its 14 members, representatives of a like number of bureaus and departments of the Government, declined to consider the matter further.

Very truly yours,

C. H. Merriam

Chairman U. S. Geographic Board.

February 13, 1924

Washington Rapid Transit Company
1603 -14th Street, Washington, D. C.

Dear Sirs:

I wish to file a protest against the non-stop habit of some of your drivers. Nearly every day I take one of your busses at the corner of 16th and U Streets.

Every few days one of these busses passes without stopping. Three times within the past week this has happened, and in each case the buss was less than half full. Yesterday morning about 9:40 a Potomac Park buss passed. I had been waiting for this buss for some time, along with several others standing on the corner of 16th and U. When the bus came I stepped out into the street and signaled the driver, but it continued on without stopping and I was obliged to wait 18 minutes more for another, making me late at a meeting in the Department of the Interior.

Last evening about 7 o'clock my wife and I waited a long time on the corner of T and 16th Street for a Pennsylvania Avenue buss. Finally one came and passed without stopping, although it contained few passengers and four or five people were standing at the buss stop waiting for it.

Very truly yours,

C. Hart Merriam

February 13, 1924

Duvall & Company
722 - 11th Street
Washington, D. C.

Dear Sirs:

Since writing you a few days ago I have been informed by the No-Kol people, and also by the agents of the Ray Oil Burner Furnaces, that a new regulation of the District of Columbia, approved by the Fire Underwriters, permits the installation of a 220 gallon tank in addition to the small 50 gallon tank in the basement of houses in this city, to be a hand pump

If this is correct will you kindly send me a slip permitting the use of such tank, to be attached to my Continental policy.

Very truly yours,

C. Hart Merriam

February 13, 1924

Mr. W. Lee Chambers,
Drawer 123
Eagle Rock, California.

Dear Mr. Chambers:

The January-February number of The Condor just received contains a number of notes of interest, in addition to the autobiography of Joseph Mailliard, for which reason I am enclosing herewith 50 cents for a duplicate copy.

With best wishes,

Very truly yours,

C. Hart Merriam

February 14, 1924

Hon. E. C. Little,
House of Representatives,
Washington, D. C.

My dear Mr. Little:

The big volume entitled 'to consolidate, codify, revise and reenact the general and permanent laws of the United States', which you were good enough to send me, arrived today, for which I am greatly obliged. It is a most important addition to my works of reference and will save me a lot of time, obviating the necessity of going to distant libraries.

You may like to know that the document was very poorly wrapped with only a single thickness of paper so that when it arrived in the wagon that brought it direct from the Post Office to my house, the wrapping had been completely town off. If it had been mixed in the mails there would have been no way to find out whom it was for. This may account for the failure of the first copy to show up.

Again thanking you for your courtesy,

Very truly yours,

C. Hart Merriam

February 16, 1924

Mr. Newton M. Minnix,
712 - 13th Street
Washington, D. C.

My dear Mr. Minnix:

Very many thanks for your letter of the 13th instant. I appreciate your kindness in offering to help in the way of obtaining assistance for California Indians, and may be glad to avail myself of your aid later on. It is a difficult problem because of the large number of Indians, particularly women and children, who need better nourishment during the winter season.

Again thanking you for your kindness,

Very truly yours,

C. Hart Merriam

February 16, 1924

Dear Doctor Abbot:

Many thanks for your letter of the 13th instant suggesting that the star called 'South Star' by a Pit River Indian may be Canopus. I am glad to have this information and am obliged for your promptness.

Very truly yours,

C. Hart Merriam

Dr. C. G. Abbot,
Smithsonian Institution,
Washington, D. C.

February 16, 1924

Mr. P. G. Smith
Service Manager,
American Motors Corporation,
Plainfield, New Jersey.

My dear Sir:

In compliance with your request of the 15th instant I am enclosing herewith the key to the spare tire rack on the back of my car, which I forgot to give you.

I am glad that you will let me know in time where to meet you in Baltimore next Thursday.

I note that you seem to have overlooked the inquiry in my last letter concerning the scored cylinder and the brakes.

Very truly yours,

C. Hart Merriam

February 18, 1924

Mutual Service, Inc.,
Washington, D. C.

Dear Sirs:

Enclosed herewith is my order for a 220 gallon tank with outside fill pipe and vent line connected to my present 50 gallon tank, equipped with pneumercator mercury gauge, to be installed on or before March 10 (preferably before March 1) in compliance with Fire Underwriters' rulings and District of Columbia Regulations.

My check for $25 is enclosed herewith, the remaining $100 to be paid on completion of job.

Very truly yours,

C. Hart Merriam

February 18, 1924

Cashier,
Crocker National Bank,
San Francisco, California.

Dear Sir:

Herewith I am enclosing check on the National Metropolitan Bank of this city for $100 which please place to credit of my account.

Very truly yours,

C. [illegible]

February 23, 1924

Mr. J. A. Hanna,
Sandon, B. C.

Dear Sir:

Your letter of January 31st addressed to the Smithsonian Institution has been referred to me for reply.

Your remarks about two species of Mountain Goats in your region are of interest. The best known species is the one which inhabits the Cascade Range and thence westerly to the coast. Another one described as a species inhabits the Rocky Mountain region, but we do not know very much about it. Do the two forms you mention occur together, or are they on separate mountain ranges?

As to the bears: The so called Glacier Bear, which usually is of a bluish color, is a form or phase of the Black Bear and seems to be commonest in the Glacier Bay region.

The Black Grizzly of which you speak is probably a species described by me some years ago under the name Ursus chelan. The type specimen came from the Chelan region in northwestern Washington. I should be very glad to purchase skulls of this Grizzly, especially skulls of adult males. Fully adult skulls in good condition with information as to the locality where killed would be worth 15 to 20 dollars each. Those of females 8 to 10 dollars. If you can get hold of any of these please

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have them carefully packed, and ship by express, charges collect, addressed: U. S. Biological Survey, Washington, D. C. A tag should be attached to each skull bearing your own name and post office, and the name of the locality where the bear was killed; also approximate date of killing if known.

Very truly yours,

C. Hart Merriam

February 23, 1924

Dr. Joseph Grinnell
Museum Comparative Zoology
Berkeley, California.

Dear Doctor Grinnell:

Yesterday in examining your excellent revision of the genus Lynx, recently received, I was impressed by what appeared to me to be two unfortunate omissions. The first is the absence in the synonymy of reference to the original publication of the name. For instance, under Lynx fasciatus, Bryant is quoted under date of 1891, indicating that he was the original describer of the species, instead of Rafinesque, 1817.

The other omission is that of the type locality, which I supposed that you, in common with most present day zoologists and botanists, deemed important.

Apart from these blemishes the paper is an important and timely contribution, and I admire the conservatism of its authors.

With best wishes,

Very truly yours,

C. Hart Merriam

February 23, 1924

Mr. W. de C. Ravenel,
Administrative Assistant,
U. S. National Museum,
Washington, D. C.

Dear Mr. Ravenel:

Thanks for your letter of the 15th instant transmitting a letter from J. A. Hanna of Sandon, British Columbia, in relation to bears and goats.

In compliance with your request I am writing him by same mail.

Very truly yours,

C. Hart Merriam

February 23, 1924

Mr. W. H. Thorn
Redlands, California.

My dear Sir:

A clipping from the Los Angeles Times of February 6, recently sent me, contains a notice of an 'uprising' among the Mohave Desert Indians, from information said to have come from you.

I am very much interested in this matter and shall be greatly obliged if you will kindly write me as to just where the incident occurred and what Indians were concerned in it.

Very truly yours,

C. Hart Merriam

February 23, 1924

Dr. J. R. Swanton,
Smithsonian Institution,
Washington, D. C.

Dear Doctor Swanton:

On August 27, in response to inquiries in regard to separates of notes published in the Anthropologist, you wrote me that 30 or 35 copies of the pages containing such notes were furnished authors.

On September 3 I wrote you from California stating that this arrangement was perfectly satisfactory to me, and later on I received such separates of my note on the Nongahhl.

But I have never received any separates of my criticism of the article on Copper Effigies. I wrote you about this on December 18 but have had no reply. I am anxious to secure these for distribution and for my files.

Very truly yours,

C. Hart Merriam

February 23, 1924

Mr. James McCormick
Secretary U. S. Geographic Board,
Washington, D. C.

Dear Mr. McCormick:

In regard to the matter of changing the name of the lighthouse in Newport harbor, mentioned in your pencil memorandum of the 16th instant, I can only say that I regret what I considered premature action on the part of the Board.

As I suggested at the time, I felt that the courteous thing to do was to refer the proposition to the head of the Lighthouse Board before taking action, particularly in view of the information from his office that a report on the matter from the District Superintendent had been mislaid but would be supplied later.

The carbon of Mr. Putnam's letter is returned herewith.

Very truly yours,

Chairman.

February 23, 1924

Mr. James McCormick,
Secretary U. S. Geographic Board,
Washington, D. C.

Dear Mr. McCormick:

Replying to your letter of the 16th instant, my recollection of the motion in question might be formulated about as follows:

> Proposals to name a geographic feature in honor of a living man shall be accompanied by a brief biographic sketch comprising a summary of the principal achievements of the person whose name it is desired to honor.

If you remember who made the motion proposing this resolution it might be well to submit it to him for approval. I do not remember who offered it.

I agree with you that the proper place for it in the final report is following the third full paragraph on page 18 of the 5th report.

But as to its publication in the monthly leaflet I am not clear. Still I see no harm in so publishing it under the introductory line you suggest, namely, "The following regulation was adopted".

Very truly yours,

Chairman.

February 27, 1924

Mr. H. H. Pittman
Wauchope,
Saskatchewan, Canada.

Dear Mr. Pittman:

Thanks for your letter of the 18th instant enclosing your interesting note on the feeding habits of the little bat Myotis lucifugus. I am particularly glad that you have sent this to the Journal of Mammalogy.

The Shrew skull arrived this noon. It is Sorex personatus the commonest eastern species. The two skull photographs you enclosed are of no value for purposes of identification, the important characters being the upper series of teeth. If you had sent a photograph of the side view of the skull as a whole, or the front part of the skull, showing the upper teeth the identification could have been made without reference to the specimen itself.

I am returning the Shrew skull and all of the photographs but shall be glad to purchase prints of your three negatives of the live Shrew on the snow, Nos.1675, 1676, and 1677. I would retain these prints but for the fact that I think you once wrote me that you wished photographs returned. I should like also to purchase a good print of your Zapus negative, No.1188, a print of which you sent to my sister or her husband

Vernon Bailey.

In case you ever get the specimen of the large Pocket Gopher to which you refer, the skull alone is amply sufficient for identification and it is usually much easier to persuade farmers to send the skull than it is to get them to take the trouble to skin the animal.

So far as I am aware the Smithsonian Institution does not buy negatives.

Replying to your question as to motion picture men interested in Natural History films, I would refer you to Mr. Donald R. Dickey as the person most likely to know about this. His address is 514 Lester Avenue, Pasadena, California. It is possible that Dr. Frank Chapman, American Museum of Natural History, New York, might know in regard to bird photographs.

I earnestly hope that you will not give up your intention of publishing a work on the wild life of the western provinces.

With best wishes,

Very truly yours,
C. Hart Merriam

P.S.: Kindly send prints with bill before the end of March, as I may be packing for California at that time.

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February 27, 1924

Dr. John R. Swanton,
Smithsonian Institution,
Washington, D. C.

Dear Doctor Swanton:

Thanks for the five copies of the July-September Anthropologist containing my note on Copper Effigies.

My second class mail addressed to Lagunitas, California, is held in bulk until my return in the spring, so I still have hopes.

Very truly yours,

C. Hart Merriam

Sorry to have put you to so much trouble.

February 28, 1924

Dear Mr. Harrington:

The photostat of a manuscript entitled Seepe Indian History by George Henley, which you left here last evening and which I am returning herewith, I have read with interest.

It certainly contains a lot of valuable material relating to the region and will undoubtedly be of much service to you in your work with the so called Chumashan tribes.

Very truly yours,

C. Hart Merriam

Mr. John P. Harrington
Smithsonian Institution
Washington, D. C.

February 29, 1924

Dear Sprague:

Your letters of February 14 and 21 are before me, the former having crossed mine to you.

My former letter to you (dated February 12) covered the ground quite fully from my point of view, so instead of repeating here I would suggest that you read that letter over again and a little more carefully than you did the first time. If you do you will see that you are far off the track in applying to yourself remarks that I made concerning applicants for positions on the Biological Survey. I think you will realize also that I said nothing to justify the view that I am trying to discourage you--quite the contrary being my desire. What I wanted to say was--and I cannot emphasize it too strongly--that there is no such thing as a 'book naturalist'. Natural History must be learned from nature, with books as accessories. I never heard of a book naturalist becoming anything more than a parlor ornament. Collecting, preparing, and labeling specimens of animals and plants is the foundation for Natural History work. This brings one in contact with nature itself instead of with pictures and phrases. The local details of how to go about this preliminary, but most necessary training, must be worked out by each person for

himself. But after you have talked with Loye Miller of your city and with Donald Dickey and A. Brazier Howell of Pasadena, I suspect you will come to the conclusion that "where there's a will, there's a way."

When I was in Yale, 50 years ago, I made a collection of several hundred bird skins. I did this by starting at daylight for the country, shooting my birds, and returning in time for breakfast; after which I did my daily college work and skinned the birds in the late evening.

If you really feel the aversion your words would indicate in regard to Indians, reptiles, and wild country, I would suggest that you abandon Natural History and study for the ministry. But I take it that you were merely indulging in a little sarcastic rhetoric and that your inclinations are otherwise--at all events I hope so.

With best wishes,

Very truly yours,

C. Hart Merriam

Mr. Sprague de Camp,
6617 Leland Way,
Hollywood, California.

February 29, 1924

Mr. Lyon de Camp,
Thendara, New York.

Dear Lyon:

Thanks for yours of the 21st instant. By the usual coincidence my letter to your son Sprague crossed one from him to me. However, no harm was done and I have now received a second letter which I am about to answer today.

As I told you when you were here, I shall be glad to take him on a short field trip during the coming season if his engagements fit in with mine--although from a statement in his last letter I infer that he is strongly averse to field work except in areas of polite civilization.

We don't envy your thermometer readings, and are very thankful that ours remain in the neighborhood of the freezing point and that our snows thus far have covered the ground for only two or three days at a time.

Dorothy is practically well, though not very strong yet.

With love from us all,

As ever yours,

C. Hart Merriam

February 29, 1924

Hon. Charles H. Burke,
Commissioner of Indian Affairs,
Washington, D. C.

My dear Mr. Burke:

I am very glad to learn from your letter of yesterday that you have ordered the discontinuance of the name 'Digger', previously applied by your office to the Mewuk Indians of California.

The news of this will be received with joy by practically all the California Indians.

I have not yet heard from you in answer to my inquiry of the 12th instant in regard to the criterion in the way of blood kinship accepted by your Bureau in determining whether or not a person shall be enrolled as an Indian.

Very truly yours,

C. Hart Merriam

February 29, 1924

Chief William Fuller
Soulsbyville, California.

My dear Mr. Fuller:

At last the Indian Office has agreed to give up the use of the obnoxious term 'Digger', as applied to your tribe.

This morning I received a letter from the Commissioner of Indian Affairs (Charles H. Burke) enclosing a copy of an order addressed to L. A. Dorrington, Superintendent Sacramento Agency, stating:

"Hereafter the term 'Digger', as representing the name of a tribe of Indians in the Sacramento jurisdiction, and so appearing in the records of this Bureau, will be discontinued, objection having come from some of the Indians thus designated and from others, that this term is one of contempt and regarded by the Indians as humiliating and opprobrious. It will therefore be replaced by the name 'Mewuk' which, upon accepted ethnological authority, is the true tribal designation of these Indians."

Trusting that you are having a good winter and that you and your family are well; and hoping to see you next summer,

Very truly yours,

C. Hart Merriam

February 29, 1924

Mr. Stephen Knight,
Ukiah, California.

My dear Mr. Knight:

At last we have won out in the matter of the name 'Digger. I have today received a letter from Charles H. Burke, Commissioner of Indian Affairs, enclosing a copy of an order to L. A. Dorrington, Superintendent Sacramento Agency, dated February 28, 1924, stating:

"Hereafter the term 'Digger', as representing the name of a tribe of Indians in the Sacramento jurisdiction, and so appearing in the records of this Bureau, will be discontinued, objection having come from some of the Indians thus designated and from others, that this term is one of contempt and regarded by the Indians as humiliating and opprobrious. It will therefore be replaced by the name 'Mewuk' which, upon accepted ethnological authority, is the true tribal designation of these Indians."

About six weeks ago I wrote you, enclosing a copy of the report of the Advisory Council on Indian Affairs, but have not heard from you as to whether or not you received it and whether or not you received the book I sent about Christmas time.

We are still having a very open winter here.

Have you had any rain recently? At last accounts California was suffering from drought.

With best wishes to you all,

Very truly yours,

C. Hart Merriam

February 29, 1924

Mr. J. J. Underwood,
621 Colorado Building,
Washington, D. C.

My dear Mr. Underwood:

Thanks for your note of the 25th instant. I am glad to know that you were favorably impressed with my remarks on the name of Mount Rainier before the Senate Committee a few days ago. I was afraid I had made a rather poor showing.

I should not have known about this meeting except for your thoughtfulness in phoning me. In case there is to be a hearing before the full committee I shall be obliged if you will kindly let me know.

Very truly yours,

C. Hart Merriam

February 29, 1924

Dr. Herbert I. Priestly,
Bancroft Library,
Berkeley, California.

My dear Doctor Priestly:

Thanks for your letter of the 9th instant expressing your interest in my article on Jedediah S. Smith. If your friend Professor Meade of whom you speak would care for a copy I shall be glad to send one to him if you or he will give me his address.

During the past two years I have been so continuously busy in field work among California Indians that I have not been able to visit the University or even the Zoological Museum, but hope for better luch next year.

With best regards from myself and family,

Very truly yours,

C. Hart Merriam

February 29, 1924

Dr. Joseph J. Hill,
Bancroft Library,
Berkeley, California.

My dear Doctor Hill:

In checking the list of persons to whom separates of my article on Jedediah Smith's crossing from Utah to California were sent, I am somewhat shocked at not finding your name. If you did not receive a separate of the article I shall be very glad to send you one at once, with apologies for the omission.

Very truly yours,

C. Hall

March 1, 1924

Prof. E. E. Slosson,
1739 Lanier Place,
Washington, D. C.

Dear Professor Slosson:

Your Science Notes published every week as 'Science Supplement' must interest a great many people. But many of them are aggravating in falling just short of the information one would like to have. For instance, in the issue of February 29, is published (without any heading) a most interesting note on color preferences of Indians. But in order to make the note of any real value one needs the name of the tribe (which is not given) and the locality, which is here vaguely stated as the 'southwest'--a rather exasperating location to anyone interested in exact knowledge.

Another thing, the habits and preferences of Indians differ so greatly according to tribes that one would be safe in assuming that in the 'southwest' one would find widely different preferences among the different linguistic stocks, if not among the individual tribes.

It is sad to see the word 'squaws' applied to Indian women in a dignified journal like 'Science'. But probably you have not had occasion to know how distasteful this term is to practically all Indians in the western part of the United States. They regard it as a degrading term of reproach, and I have heard an

Indian say in a public meeting that if he heard a man speak of his wife as a 'squaw', he would knock him down. 'Squaw' and 'Digger' are two terms that in decency to Indians should be eliminated from our vocabulary.

Very truly yours,

C. Hart Merriam

March 1, 1924

Dear Sprague:

In writing you yesterday I forgot to mention a popular Natural History journal in which I think you will find a great deal of interest, apart from its beautiful illustrations. It is called 'Nature Magazine', and costs $2.00 a year. The address is: American Nature Association, 1214 - 16th Street, Washington, D. C. A subscription slip is enclosed herewith. This is the second year, and I imagine that you will want last year's numbers as well as those for the current year.

I am glad you are practicing photography--an important adjunct to the work of any naturalist. The print you enclosed of the Indian Buffalo (Bos bubalus) is very clear and will stand enlargement admirably.

Very truly yours,

C. Hart Merriam

Mr. Sprague de Camp,
6617 Leland Way
Hollywood, California.

March 1, 1924

Mr. W. I. Adams,
Smithsonian Institution,
Washington, D. C.

Dear Mr. Adams:

Herewith I am enclosing my expense account for February amounting to $31.98, and also voucher for Miss Ellen Allston, stenographer, for $125.00, which I shall be obliged if you will pay as usual from the Harriman Fund.

Very truly yours,

C. Hart Merriam

C. Hart Merriam,

1919-16th Street, Washington, D. C.

	Expense Account for February 1924	Subv.	
1924			
Feb.6	C. G. Stott & Co., ½ doz.rolls paper towels	1	2.00
8	Stockett-Fiske Co.,steel eraser 2.25, ink erasers 20¢, pencil erasers 10¢	2	2.55
8	Hay Rubber Stamp Co., stamp holder	3	.35
8	J.Baumgarten & Sons Co. 2 stamp pads 75¢ & 65¢	4	1.40
16	Journal of Mammalogy for 1924		3.00
16	American Forests and Wild Life for 1924		4.00
18	Allen's Press Clipping Bureau (clippings for Jan)	5	3.00
28	E. Morrison Paper Co., rubber bands 40¢, pencils 55¢	6	.95
	Stamps and stamped envelopes		2.60
	Car and bus fares for assts. on errands		.80
29	Washington Gas-Light Co., gas Jan.24 to Feb. 23, $17.50 (⅓ =)	7	5.83
	Potomac Electric Power Co. current Jan. 20 to Feb.19 $16.50 (⅓ =)	8	5.50
			$31.98

Thirty-one ninety-eight

31.98

C. Hart Merriam

March 3, 1924

Bob Smith, Esq.,
79 Federal Street,
Boston, Mass.

Dear Sir:

A few days ago I sent you $1.10 for one of your small single telescopes, as advertised in the Sportsman's Journals. It has arrived and is the most worthless toy I have ever seen. The eyepiece comes off whenever you try to pull the barrel out and it is impossible to set it in focus, as you will see if you take the trouble to look through it. Furthermore, it does not seem to magnify at all. I can see far better with my naked eye. I am returning it by this mail.

Very truly yours,

C. Hart Merriam

March 3, 1924

Mr. Edward N. Munns,
Forest Service,
Washington, D. C.

My dear Sir:

Your excellent article in the last number of the Scientific Monthly will, I hope, be widely read, as it is not only interestingly written but also states a number of facts not known to the great majority of people. But why did you call it Bictic Factors?

The title is certainly unattractive and to most people misleading if not repulsive. I am well aware that the term 'Bictic', which to most of us means two-eared, is used by some biologists in the sense in which you employ it--a sort of blanket term to cover a multitude of sins relating to animals and plants.

Can you explain why authors discourage would-be readers by the use of outlandish terms which very few people know the meaning of?

Did you not really mean (as a title): The part played by Animals in Forestry, or the Relation of Small Mammals to Forestry, or Forestry as affected by Small Mammals?

With best wishes,

Very truly yours,

C. Hart Merriam

March 4, 1924

Mr. George W. Stewart,
Visalia, California.

Dear Mr. Stewart:

Very many thanks for your letter of the 28th instant and for the accompanying copy of a letter from Mrs. Wm. Hilger of Strathmore.

Two or three days ago I received a letter from the Commissioner of Indian Affairs stating that the Indian Office had given up the use of the obnoxious term 'Digger' as applied to a tribe of California Indians and that their superintendant at Sacramento had been notified of the fact. This is another thing to be thankful for.

After succeeding in abolishing the term 'Digger', the next bad word that many of us hope to eliminate from the white man's vocabulary is 'Squaw'--a term which nearly all Indians regard as implying disrespect. Twenty or twenty-five years ago I used this term myself, but was corrected by Doctor George Bird Grinnell, since which time I have carefully avoided it.

Glad to know about the incised rocks and shall be interested in your photographs.

The small Groundsquirrels to which you refer as inhabiting the west side of the southern part of San Joaquin valley are, I suppose, the valley form of the Mohave Desert Antelope Squirrel

Stewart -2-

which I described 30 years ago under the name Spermophilus nelsoni, and which now stands as Ammospermophilus nelsoni. It has two white stripes on the back and usually carries the tail curled up over the back.

The matter of California Wolves is still troublesome. Most of the records, when run down, prove to be the large Coyote of the mountains. I have not yet seen a specimen of the big Wolf from California, but have been told that Joseph Grinnell of Berkeley got hold of one from some part of southern California last year.

Very truly yours,

C. Hart Merriam

March 4, 1924

Mr. Asahel Curtis,
625 Colman Building,
Seattle, Washington.

My dear Mr. Curtis:

Thanks for your letter of February 27 in regard to the Mount Rainier matter.

I agree with you that it is extraordinary that a Congressional Committee of presumably intelligent and disinterested men should be willing to recommend a change in one of the most firmly established geographic names in the whole world.

Very truly yours,

C. Hart Merriam

March 5, 1924

Dr. George Ellery Hale,
Pasadena, California.

Dear Doctor Hale:

The Pit River Indians in northeastern California have a good deal to say about a red star which they call the 'South Star' and which, according to their accounts, is visible in the far south only for about a month--they say from January 24 to February 24. Can you tell me what this star is?

Very truly yours,

C. Hart Merriam

March 5, 1924

Mr. C. A. Allen,
San Geronimo, Calif.

Dear Mr. Allen:

Your letter came some time ago and we all were very glad to hear from you, but we were sorry to learn that you have had so little rain and hope that much more has fallen before this; if not, the outlook for next season is rather gloomy.

We have had a very open winter here--very little snow and not much rain and less cold than usual.

We had hoped to get off for California the latter part of this month, but I am so behindhand in my work that it is evident that we cannot make it before some time in April.

Mrs. Merriam and my daughter Dorothy have recovered from their troubles and we hope they will continue in good health for a long time to come.

Do you remember the year when you moved from Nicasio to San Geronimo Valley?

With best wishes to Mrs. Allen and yourself from us all,

Very truly yours,

C. Hart Merriam

March 5, 1924

Dr. Robert G. Aitken,
Lick Observatory,
Mount Hamilton, Calif.

Dear Doctor Aitkin:

Very many thanks for your letter of February 27 in regard to the name of the red star which the Pit River Indians call 'South Star' and which is said to be visible for only a short period from about January 24 to February 24.

I am glad to have your suggestion of Betelgeuse. I do not think the observation relates to any particular year; I understood the old Indian to say or imply that it was seen every winter.

Very truly yours,

C. Hart Merriam

Note: Pit River was named from the pits dug by the Indians to catch deer. It therefore has only one t, while Mount Pitt in Oregon was named after a man by that name and therefore has two t's.

March 5, 1924

Mr. W. I. Adams,
Smithsonian Institution,
Washington, D. C.

Dear Mr. Adams:

I am enclosing a belated voucher from Nelson M. Kent for photographic work done in February, amounting to $27.40, which unfortunately did not reach me in time to transmit with my February account and which I shall be obliged if you will kindly pay from the Harriman Fund.

I am enclosing also Subvoucher 8 of the February account.

Very truly yours,

C. [illegible]

March 5, 1924

Mr. George Vaux, Jr.,
1421 Chestnut Street,
Philadelphia, Penna.

Dear Mr. Vaux:

Thanks for the trouble you have taken in writing me so fully about the Autobiography of General Isaac J. Wistar.

I saw a copy a few weeks ago and in scanning it was greatly surprised at the large amount of material it contains relating to the animals observed by him on his early trip across the plains, and also and more particularly by his important observations on several tribes of Indians in northwestern California. I am anxious to quote a good deal of this material in my forthcoming work on the Indian tribes of northern California.

Again thanking you for your courtesy in the matter,

Very truly yours,

C. Hart Merriam

March 7, 1924

Mr. P. G. Smith,
American Motors Corporation,
Plainfield, New Jersey.

My dear Mr. Smith:

After leaving you in Baltimore a few days ago I found that the car heated on attaining a speed of about 34 miles, so that I had to stop twice to let it cool down. The oil gage did not at any time read above 10 and usually kept at or below 5. The same has been the case since my return. Hence I am still wondering whether the oil feed opening in the engine should be opened one peg to allow a freer flow. It is the same trouble I have always had and which I have written and spoken about several times.

On the way home I noticed a grind in the gears, and on reaching home found that the bottom of the transmission case was heavily covered with thick transmission grease. I refilled it and next morning found it had leaked out on the floor of my garage. I then took the car to what I believe to be one of the best shops in town--the General Auto Truck Company. They cleaned off the thick grease on the outside of the transmission case and showed me that the case was badly broken all the way around. They took it off and found inside another loose nut like the one I sent Mr. Page a year ago last November. I am sending you this by same mail. The job, including new oil and 12 hours labor, cost $22.86, which I

think is reasonable.

Apparently you did not succeed in stopping the oil leak from transmission to clutch, nor the splattering of grease from the universals.

Apart from these, the only thing that worries me at present is what appears to be insufficient oil feed to the engine, leaving me in doubt as to whether or not the crank case should be taken down and the feed opened up one notch.

When you come to Washington to arrange for an agency here I shall be very glad to see you.

The Washington Automobile Show begins tomorrow, but I am very much afraid that the 'American' will not be represented--hope I may be mistaken.

Very truly yours,

C. Hall Thurman

Kindly remember that I am refrained from expressing my feelings in regard to the oil feed and the lack of attention to the transmission!

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Very truly yours,

C. Hart Merriam

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Retake of Preceding Frame

March 7, 1924

The Science Press, Attention of R. P.,
Grand Central Terminal,
New York, N. Y.

Dear Sirs:

Replying to your letter of March 3 asking me to renew my subscription to the Scientific Monthly would state that on January 18 I sent you check No.181 drawn on the National Metropolitan Bank of Washington, for $5.00 in renewal of subscription for 1924; and that three days later I sent another check, No. 185, for $6.00 in payment for 'Science' for 1924--the check in each case being sent the same day that the bill was received, which is my usual custom. Both of these checks have been paid and returned and are now in my possession. I can send them to you if you so desire.

Very truly yours,
C. Hart Merriam

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March 8, 1924

Standard Book Company,
118 East 25th Street,
New York City.

Dear Sirs:

Thanks for your book list No.122. From this list I shall be obliged if you will send me the three following: The Egyptian Book of the Dead, by Wallis Budge, $3.95; Red Hunters and Animal People, by Charles Eastman, 75¢; Our Debt to the Red Man, by Louise Seymour Houghton, 58¢; amounting to $5.28, with 12¢ postage, $5.40, for which amount my check is enclosed herewith.

Kindly send receipted bill.

Very truly yours,
C. Hart Merriam

March 8, 1924

Prof. Henry N. Russell,
Princeton University,
Princeton, New Jersey.

My dear Professor Russell:

Certain Indians in northeastern California speak of a star which they call the 'South Star' which they say appears in the far south about January 24 and is visible for only a month. Can you tell me what this is likely to be?

If this is not in your field of astronomy, can you tell me who would be likely to know?

Very truly yours,
C. Hart Merriam

March 11, 1924

Mr. H. H. Pittman,
Wauchope, Saskatchewan,
Canada.

Dear Mr. Pittman:

Thanks for your promptness. The four photographs arrived this morning, for which I am enclosing herewith my check for $8.00.

Very truly yours,

C. Hart Merriam

March 12, 1924

Mr. James McCormick,
Secretary U. S. Geographic Board,
Washington, D. C.

Dear Mr. McCormick:

Yours with enclosed draft of letter to R. Douglas, Secretary Geographic Board of Canada, is before me. I see nothing objectionable in the letter. It seems to me to cover the ground in the way intended.

Very truly yours,

C. Hart Merriam

March 12, 1924

Mr. A. O. Campbell,
605½ West Main Street,
Oklahoma City, Okla.

My dear Sir:

Very many thanks for your letter in regard to the skull of the Grizzly Bear which you killed on Fish Creek in northwestern Wyoming.

I shall be very glad to see the skull, even if the crown is shot away, as Grizzly skulls from that region are extremely rare.

Kindly have the skull carefully packed and shipped by express, charges collect, addressed: U. S. Biological Survey, Department of Agriculture, Washington, D. C. Please put your own name as sender on the box, and also please attach a tag to the skull, giving the date and locality of killing and your own name, so that there may be no possibility of mistake when it arrives.

Thanking you for your courtesy in the matter,

Very truly yours,

C. Hart Merriam —

March 13, 1924

Mr. P. G. Smith
Service Manager,
American Motors Corporation,
Plainfield, New Jersey.

My dear Mr. Smith:

Thanks for yours of the 10th instant received last evening. I wired you early this morning, asking you not to send the new radiator of which you spoke until you have heard from me.

I have never felt that the radiator was at fault; in fact on the contrary it has always seemed to me an unusually competent and cool radiator. The only times when it has heated have been when the oil gage registered very low. The oil flow in the engine has always struck me not only as insufficient but as very irregular--by this I mean that when the car is running at practically uniform speed the oil gage may read '10' and then suddenly and without provocation drop to '5' and continue on the downward course until it hardly registers at all. Then the engine heats. I don't see how this can possibly be the fault of the radiator.

On arriving home from Baltimore the evening I left you I waited about an hour for the engine to cool down a little and then drained it, washed it out with 2 quarts of 'Mobile Arctic', drained again, and refilled with 8 quarts Mobile Arctic.

The universals--particularly the front one--were nearly

dry and I refilled them with Alemite grease. The transmission was empty, as I told you in my last letter, owing to the break.

In a few days I want to make a straight ahead run of 50 miles or so, to try the thing out again and will pay special attention to the oil feed gage and the motometer.

Thanks for your offer to take care of the car when I go to California. I may avail myself of this privilege.

Very truly yours,

C. Hart Merriam

March 13, 1924

American Forestry Association,
Book Department,
1523 L Street,
Washington, D. C.

Dear Sirs:

Enclosed is a list of books which I shall be obliged if you will kindly have sent to me with bill for same. I will remit at once on receipt of bill.

Very truly yours,

C. Hart Merriam

March 13, 1924

Mr. Fred Lockley,
1243 East Stark Street,
Portland, Oregon.

Dear Sir:

In a recent catalogue you advertised a publication by B. F. Bonney entitled 'Across the Plains' by Prairie Schooner'in 1846, 25¢. If you still have a copy of this I shall be obliged if you will kindly send it to me.

Very truly yours,

C. Hart Merriam

March 14, 1924

Hon. Edward I. Edwards,
U. S. Senate,
Washington, D. C.

My dear Senator:

Your letter of the 12th instant enclosing a request from Sister Mary Benita of the College of St. Elizabeth for certain documents published by the U. S. Geological Survey has been referred to that Survey for attention.

Very truly yours,

C. Hart Merriam

Chairman, U. S. Geographic Board.

March 18, 1924

Dr. Gilbert Grosvenor,
President, National Geographic Society,
Washington, D. C.

Dear Dr. Grosvenor:

Very many thanks for your beautiful book on the Hawaiian Islands. Mrs. Merriam and I have read it from cover to cover with continued interest. You certainly have brought together a remarkable array of facts and have presented them in such attractive language that when one starts to read, it is hard to stop.

And the wealth of instructive illustrations is an additional delight.

Thanks also for the bound copy of the magazine which as heretofore I shall take to Lagunitas.

With best wishes,

Very truly yours,

C. Hart Merriam

Night Telegram

Washington, March 21, 19

H.R. Wagner, California Historical Soc., 508 Wells Fargo Bldg
San Francisco

Am sending Special Delivery reply to Fletcher's criticism, covering about 2500 words. Article on Abuses of California Indians again postponed.

Signed
C Hart Merriam

JEDEDIAH SMITH'S ROUTE ACROSS THE SIERRA IN 1827
(A reply to F. N. Fletcher)

In the January number of the Quarterly of the California Historical Society (Vol.2, No.4, 344-349, Jan. 1924) Mr. F. N. Fletcher criticizes my conclusions as to the route followed by Jedediah S. Smith in crossing the Sierra in the spring of 1827, on his way from the Interior Valley of California to Great Salt Lake.

Location of the Wim-mel-che

The most important point of his argument relates to the identification of the home of the Wim-mel'-che tribe of Indians. Mr. Fletcher says: "Dr. Merriam claims that the Wim-mul-che [= Wim-mel-che] Indians lived only on Kings River. Possibly further investigation may disclose that they sometimes roamed as far as the Stanislaus." Had Mr. Fletcher been at all conversent with the facts of distribution of California tribes he could not possibly have suggested such an impossible thing. Any ethnologist could have told him that each

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of the numerous tribes of California Indians possessed a

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definite tract of country, the boundaries of which are as fixed as those of the states of the Union and vastly more permanent than those of our counties. The members of one tribe did not roam at will over the lands of other tribes, but spent their ~~entire~~ lives within their own domain.

The Wim-mel'-che tribe lived on Kings River in the foothills adjoining the country of the Wachakut. Both ~~tribes~~ belong to the Yokut stock. In order to have 'roamed' north to the Stanislaus they would have been obliged to pass through the possessions of a number of tribes speaking different dialects and to have pressed well into the territory of tribes belonging to a wholly different linguistic stock (the Mewan).

The fact that the Wim-mel'-che were a Kings River tribe is too well authenticated to admit of question. They were discovered by at least three of the early Spanish expeditions ~~more than~~ a hundred years or more ago, as

recorded in old Spanish manuscripts in the Bancroft Library which, through the courtesy of Dr. H. E. Bolton and Dr. H. I. Priestly, my assistant Miss Stella Clemence has been permitted to translate. One of these, the diary of José Dolores Pico, states that in the course of an expedition sent out in November 1815, he visited, on or close to Kings River, two rancherias of the people called 'Gumilchis'--obviously a Spanish spelling for Wemelche. Another, the diary of an expedition to the Tulares in the fall of 1819, by Lieut. Don José M. Estudillo, Commander of the Royal Presidio of Monterey, records the interesting fact that at the rancheria of the Notonto on lower Kings River there were gathered, in compliance with his orders, the chiefs of a number of tribes and villages, among whom was "Coytisa, chief of the Gumilchi". The third diary is that

of the aforementioned José Dolores Pico, concerning an expedition to the Tulares and Kings River in the winter of 1825-1826. Pico tells that in January 1826 he traveled up Kings River toward the Sierra Nevada to the rancheria of the 'Guimilches'--which he mentions four times, ~~once under the spelling Gumilches~~. Only a year later came Jedediah Smith who, not knowing that the Spaniards had already named the river 'Rio de los Reyes', christened it 'Wimmelche', "after a tribe of Indians who reside on it of that name". His account was the earliest to appear in print, having been published in the Missouri Republican of October 11, 1827--nearly a century ago.

In 1851 the three Commissioners (McKee, Barbour, and Wozencraft) sent to California by our Government ~~in 1851~~ for the purpose of making treaties with the

Indians, enumerated mentioned this tribe under several spellings (We-mal-ches, We-mil-ches, We-mol-ches, Ne-mil-ches) as signing treaties at Camp Bent on Kings River May 13, 1851, and on the San Joaquin River April 29, 1851.V

V References may be consulted in the Senate Document known as the Eighteen California Treaties of 1851-1852 (pp.3, 4, 10, 12, 47, 52); and also in several reports of the Commissioner of Indian Affairs.

The tribe was visited at its home on Kings River by Lieut. N. H. McLean on July 12, 1853 (name spelled Wee-mil-chees, War Department Files, 1853), and was mentioned the same year by Major Wessells (spelled Wee-mil-che, House Doc.76, 34th Congress, 3d Session, p.31, 1857); and by M. B. Lewis, as a tribe on Kings River (spelled We-melches, Rept. Commr. Indian Affairs for 1857, p.687, 1857). Bancroft gave 'Wemelches' as a tribe near Kings River Farm in 1856, and later

Galen Clark spoke of the 'We-mel-chees' as a tribe from Kings River placed on Fresno and Kings River Reservations in 1851.

In addition to the numerous published records, I was personally told more than twenty years ago by a Yow'-el-man'-ne Indian on Tule River that the 'Wim-mal'-ches' lived on Kings River in the lower foothills, just above the Wachakut--a statement confirmed by members of other tribes.

In view of the foregoing records by reliable men who at intervals during a period of more than a hundred years came in personal contact with the Wimmelche Indians, it is hoped that no one will ever again attempt to locate them elsewhere than on th.r own ground on the river named by the Spaniards 'Rio de los Reyes', by Smith 'the Wimmelche', and by the Americans 'Kings River'.

Smith's base camp in May 1827

The next point requiring attention is Mr. Fletcher's attempt to cast doubt on the evidence that Smith's base camp, from which he set out to cross the Sierra on May 20, 1827, was at Folsom on American River, repeating Dale's error of placing him on the Stanislaus. In my account of the crossing I referred to a letter in the 'San Francisco Times' of June 14, 1867 written by an associate of Smith and quoted by Bancroft, for the purpose of correcting errors in regard to Smith's movements. This letter states that Smith left his party on American Fork and with two men returned to the rendezvous [north of Salt Lake]. I referred also to the statement of J. M. Gwinn that Smith, before returning to Salt Lake, had established camp near the place now known as Folsom, and to the corroboration of this location by J. J. Warner in his 'Reminiscences of Early California'. To these should be added the equally

7 Sierra Club Bull. Vol. XI, No. 4, 379, 1923.

J. J. Warner in his Reminiscences of Early California says American River was named in 1826 [1827] by a party of hunters under Jedediah S. Smith, but this has been questioned.

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positive statement of T. F. Cronise: ... "The party trapped for beaver and other animals from the Tulare to the American Fork of the Sacramento, where there was already a camp of American trappers. Smith established his camp near the present site of Folsom, about 22 miles northeast from the other party".—

Cronise, Natural Wealth of California, p.42, 1868.

Concerning the reliability of his information Cronise says that he had been at considerable trouble to unravel the various accounts of Smith's travels and had gathered his [illegible] particulars "from those who knew Smith personally and shared his perils, and from documents in the State archives." (Ibid)

Smith, after the failure of his first attempt to cross the Sierra, writes: "I was compelled therefore to return to the valley which I had left. And then leaving my party I started with two men". Mr. Fletcher [who unites Smith's two sentences, thereby making the

connection even closer than in the original] apparently interprets Smith (Painfully meager account) as referring to a valley on the Wimmelche where he had left his party and from which he set out again on his successful crossing. My interpretation is quite different, for it seems clear that his reference was to the great San Joaquin Valley which he was following northward, and, as already shown, that his final successful attempt was not made till after he had established camp on American River.

The letter to Father Duran

Mr. Fletcher lays special stress on Smith's letter to Padre Duran, dated May 19, 1827, which he cites as proof that at that date Smith was camped on the Wimmelche (which he erroneously assumes to be the Stanislaus) while I maintain that this camp was at Folsom on American River, about 65 miles farther north. Fletcher's argument is based on the assumption that Smith made only two attempts to cross the Sierra, and that these were only 10 or 15 days apart, and consequently when he said he "returned to this place" he must have referred

to his camp on the Wimmelche. [match earlier] But what Smith actually said is this: "I have made several efforts to pass the mountains, but the snows being so deep, I could not succeed in getting over. I returned to this place to remain until such time as I can cross the mountains with my horses--having lost a great many in attempting to cross ten or fifteen days since". (From Smith's letter to Padre Duran published by Cronise in his Natural Wealth of California, pp. 44-45, 1868, and reprinted by various authors).

It will be remembered that on his first attempt, which was made from the Wimmelche (Kings River) five of his horses starved to death, while in his letter to Father Duran he tells of losing "a great many" horses in the attempt made "ten or fifteen days since", apparently from the same camp. If he had referred to his first attempt he would hardly

have used the expression "a great many" ~~horses~~ when he had lost only five, and furthermore, if he had made only one attempt previous to the date of the Duran letter why did he say "I have made several efforts to pass the mountains"? And does not his remark, "I returned to this place" imply that one or more of these attempts were from the same, northern base camp, which, as has been shown, was at the locality now called Folsom on American River.

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Where was Smith from early February till May 19, 1827

Smith left Mission San Gabriel January 19, 1827 and while securing supplies for the northward trip was camped three miles from San Bernardino the latter part of the month. The horseback trip from San Bernardino to the Tulare region in the southern part of the San Joaquin Valley was naturally by way of Cajon Pass and the Mohave Desert, with no beaver streams to detain the party, and hence would take only

a few days. But Smith did not set out on his successful crossing of the Sierra until May 20. What was he doing during the intervening three and three quarters months? Cronise says he was trapping beaver and other animals from the Tulare to the American Fork of the Sacramento--a statement which there seems to be no reason to doubt.

The Gallatin and Wilkes maps

I have already called attention to the fact that Gallatin's maps of 1836 and 1848, and Wilkes' map of 1841, have dotted lines showing Smith's route from California to Salt Lake, and to the additional fact that both Gallatin and Wilkes had been given the benefit of Smith's explorations. Gallatin expressly states that he had received from General Ashley (Jedediah Smith's senior partner) a manuscript map accompanied by numerous explanatory notes, and so on. These maps show that Smith emerged on the east

√ Sierra Club Bull. Vol. XI, No. 1, p. 54, 1923.

side of the Sierra north of the source of American River and also north of the then unknown Lake Tahoe. Tahoe. In view of these obvious facts, how are we to account for Mr. Fletcher's astounding statement that "The Gallatin map contains striking and well-nigh conclusive proof that Smith's route was from the vicinity of the Stanislaus"!

Mr. Fletcher goes on to say that Gallatin's map shows two parallel northerly flowing streams just east of the Sierra, which he (Fletcher, not Gallatin) says "can be no other than the present Carson and Walker Rivers", (thus) overlooking the fact that the Truckee, formerly called Salmon Trout River, is the first stream on the east side of the mountains along the (indicated by Gallatin) route, and the one Smith may have followed to the point where it turns northward toward Pyramid Lake. The second stream (which Fletcher identifies as the first) appears to be the Carson. Wilkes' map of 1841

shows a third stream (which may be Reese River) and also a lake immediately north of Smith's route which may possibly have been Carson Lake, then much larger than at present--though ~~I admit that~~ the maps are on too small a scale and contain too many errors to justify positive conclusions.

Why Smith did not take the Humboldt Valley route

Mr. Fletcher takes pains to point out that Smith did not follow the Humboldt Valley route, which, had he crossed the mountains from American River, would have been his natural course. But he omits to add that at the time of Smith's journey Humboldt River (regardless of name) was unknown, and furthermore--and this is important--that when he left the mountains he was many miles west of its Sink and from the nature of the intervening country could not possibly have known of its existence.

It would seem therefore, after a careful perusal of Mr. Fletcher's criticisms, that he is in error historically, ethnologically, and geographically.

C. Hart Merriam

March 24, 1924

My dear Miss Drumm:

You were good enough some time ago to send me a copy of your excellent paper entitled 'More About Astorians', but I have been under such pressure since returning from California that I did not find time to read it until last evening.

It certainly is a fine thing to put on record these additional fragments of information about some of the early pioneers in western exploration.

Would not many of our present day young men regard the physical accomplishments of some of these men as superhuman!

You may be interested to know that I have recently sent the California Historical Quarterly a reply to Fletcher's criticism of my paper on Jedediah Smith's crossing of the Sierra. I will of course send you a separate when the thing is out.

With best wishes,

Very truly yours,

C. Hart Merriam

Miss Stella M. Drumm,
Librarian, Missouri Historical Society,
Saint Louis, Missouri.

March 26, 1924

Mr. Charles S. King,
250 Broadview Avenue,
New Rochelle, N. Y.

My dear Mr. King:

Replying to your recent inquiry as to the largest Kadiak bear skull on record, would say that the largest specimen measured by me (No. 134407, U. S. National Museum) has the following dimensions:

Greatest length between uprights, 18 inches.

Greatest breadth (zygomatic breadth), 12 inches.

Skulls of Ursus gyas (from Alaska Peninsula) are longer, but not so broad. In the December 1921 number of 'Outdoor Life' I published an article entitled 'Our Largest Bears as shown in Skulls', with tables of measurements and photographs of bear skulls. The measurement tables show the relative size of a number of species of big bears.

With best wishes,

Very truly yours,

C. [illegible]

March 26, 1924

Mr. Joseph Mailliard,
Academy of Sciences,
San Francisco, Calif.

My dear Mr. Mailliard:

Replying to your recent inquiry as to my feeling in regard to the habitat groups in the California Academy of Sciences, would say that I regard these groups as of very high scientific and popular interest. They are eminently educational and appeal forcibly to the eye of every observer. Moreover, most of them illustrate the highest development of combined art and taxidermy to be found in any museum in America, and probably in the world. In my judgment they constitute one of the outstanding features of the Academy's activities and one of which all Californians may well be proud.

The entire Lagunitas branch of the Merriam family has been interested and entertained by your Autobiography recently published.

With best wishes,

Very truly yours,

[illegible]

March 26, 1924

Mr. Fred Lockley,
Box 12, Station C,
Portland, Oregon.

My dear Sir:

Many thanks for your promptness in sending the pamphlet 'Across the Plains by Prairie Schooner', for which I am enclosing 50¢ herewith.

Very truly yours,

March 26, 1924

Mr. Clinton G. Abbott,
Director, Natural History Museum,
San Diego, California.

Dear Mr. Abbott:

Replying to your letter of the 18th instant in regard to the skull and antlers of an Elk in your Museum, would say that while you do not give skull measurements, nevertheless there seems to be no doubt that the specimen is Cervus nannodes, not C. roosevelti. Roosevelti has a much broader muzzle than your photographs indicate, and the antlers are decidedly more massive. Furthermore, as you yourself suggest, the locality 'somewhere in San Diego County' is of course far south of the range of C. roosevelti.

Holzner states that Fox gave him full data. It would be interesting to obtain this information in order to know the particular part of San Diego County in which this Elk was killed.

Very truly yours,

March 26, 1924

Mr. Lewis James
Sites, California.

Dear Mr. James:

It has taken me a long time to have prints made of the photographs I promised you. They are enclosed herewith.

We have been having a mild winter for Washington, with very little snow and about the usual amount of rain. We are sorry to learn that California has been shy of rain and are hoping that more will come before the spring is over.

My wife and daughter join in kind regards to Jesse Berryessa and George Bill and yourself. We hope to see you all during the coming season.

With best wishes,

Very truly yours,

C. Hart Merriam

March 26, 1924

Mr. H. R. Wagner
California Historical Society
San Francisco, California.

Dear Mr. Wagner:

The latter part of last week I sent you by special delivery my reply to Mr. Fletcher's criticism. I shall be obliged if you will kindly have 50 separates of this sent me with bill for same, and hope you will be able to persuade your printer to leave on the original pagination instead of repaging it '1, 2, 3'.

It is a pity that Fletcher's criticism was published, as it amounts to nothing except to cast doubt on facts concerning which there is no doubt.

With reference to the delayed article entitled 'A Regrettable Chapter in the History of California' would say that I have now brought together enough material to make a book and if you will kindly let me know about how many pages you would like, I will try to trim it to the desired size.

Very truly yours,

C. Hart Merriam

March 26, 1924

Prof. Sherman D. Thacher,
Ojai, California.

My dear Professor Thacher:

Your special delivery letter of March 19, addressed to me at Lagunitas, has just arrived.

I appreciate your courtesy in telling me about the find of the cave baskets and should have been glad to visit the cave with your little expedition had I been available.

Some years ago I saw a number of more or less similar baskets from certain caves in the mountains between Los Angeles and the Tejon. The flat circular basket which you describe as about 20 inches in diameter is doubtless a winnowing basket, for separating the fine from the coarse newly pounded acorn meal. The bottle shaped basket with large body is probably a water bottle.

Thanking you for your courtesy in writing, and with best wishes,

Very truly yours,

C. Hart Merriam

March 31, 1924

Hon. E. Lester Jones,
Commissioner,
International Boundary Commission,
Washington, D. C.

My dear Commissioner:

Your letter of the 26th instant transmitting a letter to the U. S. Geographic Board and accompanying correspondence reached me Saturday and will be presented to the Geographic Board at its coming meeting.

Very truly yours,

C. Hart Merriam.

Chairman.

April 1, 1924

American Radiator Co.,
104 West 42d Street,
New York City.

Dear Sirs:

In your advertisement in the April number of the National Geographic Magazine I am much pleased to note that you mention oil as a fuel for your Ideal Boilers. For some years I have been hoping that you would produce an oil burning boiler and have several times written you concerning the same.

For some years I have had in my basement one of your Ideal Boilers connected with the hot water system in my house. Two years ago I gave up shoveling in coal and shoveling out ashes and installed a 'No-Kol' burner. Last summer, while the house was closed, the furnace developed a series of serious cracks on the floor of the top plate under the cleaning doors. An attempt to close by means of 'Smooth-on' failed. After that a couple of gallons of 'Stop-leak' stuff was introduced into the boiler and closed the cracks for about two months, when the leak became worse than ever. A couple more gallons of the 'Stop-leak' stuff held until a few days ago, when it gave way and is now leaking again. There appears to be no permanent remedy, for which reason I suppose I shall have to purchase a new Ideal Boiler next fall. In this case I shall of course need one of your oil burners and shall be obliged if you will send me descriptive literature on the subject.

Very truly yours,

C. Hart Merriam

March 31, 1924

Mr. Dall DeWeese
Canon City, Colo.

My dear Mr. DeWeese:

It is a long time since I have heard from you, before the arrival of your letter of the 18th instant.

It is interesting to know that you have written a book and I have no doubt that the book itself will be interesting reading; and furthermore, a truthful account of your various hunts of the big game animals of America could hardly fail to put on record a number of important facts of their life history.

I have no doubt that when I know what is in the book I shall be entirely willing to comply with your request for a few lines of foreword.

Shall be mighty glad to see you when you come east, provided you come by or before the 1st of May, as I am already overdue in California and am delayed by pressure of unfinished work. You may or you may not know that I am still spending half or a little over half of each year in field work in California.

With best wishes to yourself and family,

Very truly yours,

C. Hart Merriam

April 1, 1924

Dr. W. Barclay Stephens
1250 Bay Street,
Alameda, California.

Dear Doctor Stephens:

Thanks for your clipping of an ancient map from the Oakland Tribune; also and particularly for your letter of so long ago, which has been on my desk ever since. The only reason I have not written is that my desk is still appallingly stacked up with unfinished business.

We had intended to be in California at this time but from the present outlook it is obvious that we cannot get away under another month. There still remains the writing up of the results of my last summer's field work and also the copying of a number of vocabularies; and in addition I feel that I ought to write an article on the government policy and practices in regard to our Indians, in response to a request from the editor of the Forum who is publishing a symposium on the subject.

Dorothy has been with us more than three months and is returning to Cambridge tonight in a snow storm--about 3 inches having fallen today with more still in the air. Elizabeth has not been very brisk this winter; perhaps not completely recovered from the injury to her head.

Your request for an article for the Boys Life Magazine gives me a pain. I would like to do it some time but it would

hardly be right to tackle it before attending to last season's field work, and then I fear it will be far beyond the time we should be in California.

With love to you all, in which Elizabeth and Zenaida join,

As ever yours,

Hart Merriam

April 2, 1924

Mr. W. I. Adams,
Accountant,
Smithsonian Institution,
Washington, D. C.

Dear Mr. Adams:

Herewith I am enclosing voucher of Yawman & Erbe for one vertical steel file case $46.25, and Miss Ellen Allston, services as stenographer month of March $125.00, which I shall be obliged if you will kindly pay from the Harriman fund.

My expense account for March will be sent in in a day or two

Very truly yours,

C. Hart Merriam

April 3, 1924

Dear Mrs. Gannett:

Replying to your letter of March 30, I regret to say that I have not been very successful in locating a 'Gannett Glacier' in North America, although I have inquired from the Topographical Division of the Geological Survey and also from Lawrence Martin, the authority on Alaska glaciers.

I am told, however, that Professor Hiram Bingham gave the name Gannett Glacier to a glacier in the Peruvian Andes.

You doubtless know that Gannett Peak in the Wind River Mountains of Wyoming was named after Henry, as was a mountain in Alaska.

So far as I am aware the Harriman Expedition did not name any glacier except Harriman after members of the party.

Dorothy's return was delayed by the illness of her little girl, so that she did not leave us until day before yesterday.

With love to you and Alice from us all,

Very truly yours,

C. Hart Merriam

Mrs. Henry Gannett,
1420 East 31st St.,
Cleveland, Ohio.

April 3, 1924

Mr. Charles Sheldon
1830 Phelps Place
Washington, D. C.

Dear Sheldon:

Knowing your thirst for ardent exercise in the way of Grizzly hunts I am enclosing a letter just received from J. A. Hanna of Sandon, British Columbia. You see he would be glad to have your company on or about the middle of May.

You will be interested also in what he says about two kinds of wild goats, one of which he calls 'abeck'. Please return the letter.

As ever yours,

C. Hart Merriam

April 3, 1924

Mr. A. O. Campbell
605½ West Main Street
Oklahoma City, Oklahoma.

My dear Sir:

The skull which your son kindly shipped to me a short time ago has arrived and I have just made a preliminary examination of it. It is an interesting specimen and must have been a very large bear. I will examine it more critically in a few days in comparison with other skulls in the Museum and will then write you again.

Thanking you for your courtesy in the matter,

Very truly yours,

C. Hart Merriam.

April 3, 1924

Mr. C. G. Campbell
Campbell-Finley Motor Company
Oklahoma City, Oklahoma.

My dear Sir:

Very many thanks for your courtesy in shipping your father's Grizzly skull during his absence. I have just examined it with a good deal of interest and shall make a more careful comparison in a few days.

Thanking you again for the trouble you have taken in the matter,

Very truly yours,

C. Hart Merriam

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1919 Sixteenth St., Washington, D. C.

Expense Account for March 1924

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March 5	March Forum (Indian articles)		35
11	Underwood Typewriter Co. repairs to machine	1	1 20
11	Standard Book Co. Egyptian Book of Dead, Red Hunter & Animal People, Our Debt to the Red Man		
10	Canadian Forestry Magazine for 1924	2	5 53
12	Boonville Herald for 1924 (Beaver & Bear)		2 00
12	H. H. Pittman, Wauchope Saskatchewan photos of Sorex and Zapus	3	2 00
17	Allen's Press Clippings, Calif. Indians & Bears	4	8 00
20	Macoy Publishing Co. The world's Saviors		3 00
	Subs. Forum 4 months (Indian Symposium)	5	1 05
	Stamped envelopes and postage		1 00
	Electric Current Feb.15 to March 20, $11.30 (½ = $5.65)	6	2 10
	Gas Feb.23 to March 24, $14.50 (½ = $4.25)	7	3.76
	For Refitting Basement for File Cases and Map Cases and moving same:		4 83
15	Thos. E Landon, plastering & whitewashing as per attached voucher $57.07 (½ = $28.53)	8	28.53
April 1	Hebbard & Mackessy, putting in new electric lights for file cases $17.50 (½ = $ 8.75)	9	8 75
	T. F. Collier, carpenter work and moving map and file cases $15.00 (½ = $ 8.00)	10	8.00
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C. Hart Merriam

April 4, 1924

Mr. W. I. Adams
Accountant
Smithsonian Institution,
Washington, D. C.

Dear Mr. Adams:

Herewith I am enclosing my expense account for the month of March, amounting to $80.10, which I shall be obliged if you will pay as usual from the Harriman fund.

You will observe three items for refitting a part of the basement of my house for the permanent accomodation of file cases, map cases, and safes, the items charged covering half the actual cost to me of plastering and whitewashing, electric lighting, carpenter work and moving the heavy cases.

This seemed the best way out of a difficult situation, for as I think you know, I have been searching for an office apartment within the means of the fund for the past four or five years without success, and have been using my own house and garage for office purposes. Rents are now so high and are likely to be so high in the future that I have given up all hope of renting office rooms enough to store my file cases, map cases, and safes, and have decided, when I can obtain reasonable rates, to rent only two rooms instead of five and to retain in my own house most of the files, safes, and map cases.

Very truly yours,

C. Hart Merriam

April 4, 1924

Mr. Charles A. Allen,
San Geronimo, California.

Dear Mr. Allen:

Thanks for your letter of March 15. We were glad to hear from you but very sorry to learn that there had been no rain worth mentioning for a long time. There is still chance for April rains, but I fear we are in for a dry summer which will be mighty hard on stock and crops.

Thanks for the information that you moved from Nicasio to San Geronimo October 1st, 1882--so you have been in the Lagunitas-San Geronimo country more than 40 years! Your trip over in the heavy rain must have been rather severe on all of you.

So you have had a visit from H. K. Coale of Chicago! But it does seem strange that after seeing you he should have sent you that little collecting gun.

Vernon Bailey is now in New Mexico but expects to return in a few weeks.

We have had plenty of rain this winter and on the 1st day of April we had a snow storm which covered the city with 3 or 4 inches of slushy snow, most of which has now disappeared.

I had expected to be in California before this but pressure of unfinished work will keep me here another month.

With best wishes to Mrs. Allen and yourself, in which Mrs. Merriam and my daughter Zenaida join,

Very truly yours,

C. Hart Merriam

April 5, 1924

Hon. E. Lester Jones, Commissioner
International Boundary Commission
Washington, D. C.

My dear Commissioner:

In compliance with your request of March 26, I brought your communication of that date with accompanying enclosures to the attention of the U. S. Geographic Board at its meeting on April 2.

Your recommendation to reconsider its previous action in regard to certain boundary features named after living Americans was not approved. The proposition to name a mountain 'Mount Ross' was previously withdrawn by the Canadian Geographic Board.

The action of the Board on December 5 in adopting the names of six living Canadians for boundary features in violation of its well known rule concerning such names, was done as a compliment to Canada--the Canadian Geographic Board having no rule against the use of names of living men.

Very truly yours,

Chairman.

April 5, 1924

Mr. James McCormick, Secretary
U. S. Geographic Board,
Washington, D. C.

Dear Mr. McCormick:

Thanks for the Lester Jones correspondence which arrived this morning and which I have just answered. A carbon of my letter is enclosed.

You will see that I omitted details.

If you have blank Board envelopes, about nine inches (size of the one in which this is enclosed to you) I should be obliged for a small package, as the only blanks I have left are the small six inch size.

Very truly yours,

Chairman.

Please send us 2 more copies of your ... decision
(and 8 - Boards)

April 8, 1924

Mr. J. J. Underwood
Seattle Chamber of Commerce
Washington, D. C.

My dear Mr. Underwood:

Replying to your letter of the 5th instant asking for an expression of my opinion as to the desirability of changing the name of Mount Rainier, in accordance with the terms of a joint resolution of Congress proposed January 17 by Senator C. C. Dill and Representative Albert Johnson, I enclose herewith a statement of the case which you are at liberty to use in such manner as you see fit.

Very truly yours,

C. Hart Merriam

WILL CONGRESS CHANGE THE NAME OF MOUNT RAINIER?

The Congress of the United States is confronted by a recommendation to change the name of our most majestic and magnificent mountain. On January 17, 1924, a joint resolution was introduced (by Senator C. C. Dill of Spokane and Representative Albert Johnson of Hoquiam) for the purpose of changing the well established and time honored name of Mount Rainier to Mount Tacoma. The matter was referred to a subcommittee of the Senate Committee on Public Lands and a hearing was held on February 21. The Government Geographic Board was not notified of this hearing, although during the past 34 years it had, by request of citizens of the city of Tacoma, granted three hearings to Tacoma delegates and had made a thorough and unprejudiced investigation of the merits of the case, resulting in unanimous decisions against the proposed change.

The evidence presented at the hearing of the Senate Subcommittee on February 21 was almost wholly in favor of retaining the name Rainier, but it was not published and was ignored in the report of Senator Dill (Report No.268, dated March 14). This

report contains--and apparently rests upon--several errors of fact. It states: "Tacoma is the Indian name. In the Indian language it means 'The mountain that was God'." Neither of these statements is true. Names more or less similar to Tacoma--as Takoha, Tah-ho-ma, Ta-gho-ma, Takob, Tah-ko-bed, Tahch-ho-bet, Dacobed and others--were applied by the tribes of the region to all lofty snow-clad peaks from Mount Baker on the British Columbia boundary south to Mount Hood in Oregon. And far from meaning "The mountain that was God", the word means white--a generic or blanket term applied to all snow-capped mountains. Long ago Dr. George Otis Smith, Director of the U. S. Geological Survey, called attention to the fact that an old international boundary map on file in the Department of State shows the name Ta-ho-ma on Mount Baker, situate on the boundary between British Columbia and Washington.

But Rainier has its own specific Indian name. This, according to the dialect of the tribe speaking, is Tiswauk (otherwise written Stiquak and Twahwauk), Tu-ah-ku, or Puskehouse. The people of Tacoma say they want the original name restored--but they don't; it is the last thing they want. By persistent and

clever propoganda carried on over a period of years they have spread before the people of the United States the misinformation that Tacoma is the aboriginal name of the mountain, and thus have acquired a certain measure of support.

If they really desire the reinstatement of Indian names, why do they not call their own fair city Shu-bah'-lup, its aboriginal and rightful name? And why do they not urge the changing of other prominent geographic names in their own region--as Puget Sound, Whidby Island, Hood Canal, Mount Adams, Mount Hood, and so on--all bestowed by Vancouver at the same time as Mount Rainier?

In the words of the late Professor George Davidson, foremost geographer of the Pacific coast region: "Vancouver's names upon this western coast are part of the history of geographic discovery and exploration", and they have been accepted by the geographers of all nations.

The name Mount Rainier is one of the most firmly established geographic names on the face of the earth. To change it would be a blow to the stability of geographic and historic nomenclature and a reflection on the intelligence of the American people. The suggested

change is no more a local question than would be a similar proposal in regard to the Andes or the Himalaya. Is it not bad enough to give new names to political divisions, as has been done so extensively since the World War, without seeking to destroy the identity of the world's most prominent geographic features?

In the case of Mount Rainier, for more than a hundred years the name has appeared on every important map of western North America, regardless of where issued, and during the same period, in all the important geographies, atlases, histories, and official documents relating to the Pacific Coast Region, whether published in the United States, Canada, England, France, Germany, Italy, Spain, Holland, Russia, or Arabia.

No geographic feature in any part of the world can claim a name more firmly fixed--fixed by right of discovery, by right of priority, by right of international usage, and by the conspicuous place it holds in the literature, atlases, and official charts of the civilized nations of the earth. And furthermore, the records of science include hundreds if not thousands of references to Mount Rainier, and our museums contain thousands of specimens whose labels bear the name. For

upwards of a century it has been the property of the world. What right have we to change it? Can anyone picture the chaos in geography, history, and science that would inevitably result from giving new names to this and others of the world's most prominent landmarks?

Senator Dill's report states: "The city of Tacoma was named after the mountain in 1868". This would seem to be a slip of memory, for the date mentioned antedates by 15 years the application of the name Tacoma to the mountain--except, so far as I am aware, by a man named Winthrop, who, in a book of travel entitled 'Canoe and Saddle', says: "The Siwash call it Tacoma, a generic term also applied to all snow peaks".

Up to the year 1883, when the Northern Pacific railroad made the change, the people and newspapers of Tacoma, like those of the rest of the world, continuously used the name Rainier for the mountain, and sometimes did so in 1884. Ellwood Evans, a Tacoma lawyer and historian, states in his 'History of the Pacific Northwest' (1889), "The railroad company renamed the mountain after the city." And C. G.

Brewerton in his 'History of Washington, the Evergreen State' (1893) remarks that the name Rainier "was generally accepted by early settlers up to the time of the completion of the Northern Pacific to Tacoma; then, renaming the mountain after the city, the company called it Mount Tacoma". But later, even the Northern Pacific Railroad abandoned its claim, admitting: "We have carried this farce as far as we are going to for advertising purposes. The name has been officially declared to be Rainier, and that is what we shall call it."

C. Hart Merriam

April 8, 1924

Hon. Stephen T. Mather
Director National Park Service
Washington, D. C.

My dear Doctor Mather:

Referring to your recent communication addressed to the U. S. Geographic Board, transmitting certain recommendations from Mr. Albright concerning proposed changes and transpositions of names in Yellowstone National Park, would say that while the matter has not yet come before the Board for official action, there are certain principles involved to which I would like to call your attention.

Changes of names of important features are always objectionable, particularly if the names have been in use long enough to become established, for the obvious reason that such changes create confusion in historic and descriptive matter and also in maps and photographs.

But the transposition of a name is far worse than a mere change of name. It is open to all the objections of change, and to the additional one that by moving a name

from one place to another the confusion is indefinitely multiplied, and the value of historical and scientific accounts and also of botanical, zoological, geological, and other specimens in museums is likely to be destroyed. For instance, an author describes the distribution of trees and smaller plants and animals at stated altitudes on stated slopes of Mount Humpty Dumpty, with notes on the conditions under which they occur, and backs up his observations with specimens that are preserved in museums. Then someone moves the name Mount Humpty Dumpty to another mountain and in time the former use of the name is forgotten. Students visiting this mountain fail to find the conditions as described, and fail to find the recorded species at the altitudes mentioned. They naturally infer that the previous author must have drawn on his imagination for his facts and that the labels on museum specimens are forgeries, or imagine that vast changes have occurred since his visit. This sort of thing has actually happened more than once in our own country and, as I am sure you will agree, is a calamity too

serious to be repeated.

While not authorized to speak officially, I think the Board will decline to shift from one place to another the names Folsom Peak and Mount Hedges; that it will not consent to the elimination of the names Dunraven Peak and Dunraven Pass, but that it will approve your recommendation to change the name of Storm Peak to Mount Cook.

Very truly yours,

C. [illegible]

Chairman.

April 8, 1924

Mr. F. M. Redman
801 Porter Building
Portland, Oregon.

My dear Sir:

In looking over the April number of Mazama, just received, my eye rests upon the name Ashoff. The mention of 'Daddy Ashoff' calls to mind pleasant memories of a temporary camp, made by Vernon Bailey and myself, many years ago, with him and his family at his interesting home.

I remember Ashoff, his wife, and the daughter who happened to be at home, as people of unusual intelligence and enthusiasm, and also as possessing what struck me as a rather remarkable knowledge of natural history for people who were not professionals.

It is a pleasure to join in the slight token of appreciation mentioned in your note, and I am enclosing herewith for Vernon Bailey and myself our four bits apiece.

With best wishes to you all,

Very truly yours,

C. Hart Merriam

April 9, 1924

Mr. James McCormick, Secretary,
U. S. Geographic Board,
Washington, D. C.

Dear Mr. McCormick:

Replying to your letter of the 7th instant with enclosures relating to proposed names of glaciers on or near Gannett Peak a few miles north of Fremont Peak in the Wind River range, would say that I have not visited these glaciers.

Your letter of April 5th to Harold O. Bosworth of the Kiwanis Club of Denver seems to cover the case and I am returning the map and correspondence herewith. In the same envelope I am returning a carbon of my letter of April 8 to Hon. Stephen T. Mather, Director National Park Service, in regard to recommendations recently made by Mr. Albright, Superintendent Yellowstone National Park, urging certain changes and transpositions of names within the park, accompanied by a carbon of Mr. Albright's letter and the accompanying map.

I am enclosing also a letter from Mrs. A. Vegedes, of Sutter, California, dated March 31, 1924, and enclosing eight copies of a resolution, each endorsed by an organization in the central part of Sacramento Valley, recommending the change of the name Marysville Buttes to Sutter Buttes, all of which are transmitted herewith for your edification.

Very truly yours,

April 9, 1924

Mrs. A. Vagedes, Secretary,
Sutter Improvement Club,
Sutter, California.

My dear Mrs. Vagedes:

Your letter dated March 31 transmitting resolutions from eight organizations in your part of California, urging the adoption of the name Sutter Buttes in the place of Marysville Buttes, has just reached me and will be brought before the Government Geographic Board at its next meeting.

Very truly yours,

Chairman.

April 9, 1924

Mrs. J. M. Cunningham
620 Fifth Avenue, W.,
Seattle, Washington.

My dear Mrs. Cunningham:

Your communication without date is at hand, notifying me that the Seattle Federation of Women's Clubs is not in favor of changing the name of Mount Rainier or of the National Park bearing the same name.

Congress, as you know, has taken the matter out of the hands of the Government Geographic Board. Nevertheless, some of us here are doing what we can to defeat the joint resolution offered by Senator Dill and Congressman Johnson.

Very truly yours,

C. [illegible] Thurman

Chairman.

April 10, 1924

Col. J. A. McGuire,
Editor, Outdoor Life,
Denver, Colorado.

My dear Colonel McGuire:

Your letters of March 20 and April 1 arrived duly, along with the two photographs of the skull of a Polar Bear, on which you have indicated by a heavy line certain measurements.

The one showing the base of the skull indicates correctly the measurement known as 'condylo-basal', a very important measurement.

The other photograph (with a line drawn over the outside (the side of) of the skull) represents a measurement which I never heard of and which would be worthless from any point of view.

The measurement commonly called 'greatest length of skull' is of very little value, but is taken to gratify the wishes of hunters who are eternally asking for the "greatest length." This measurement should be taken (by placing the skull) on a table between rigid uprights, as indicated on the diagram herewith enclosed. If the table is solid, a very good way is to place it against a wall and stand the skull on it with the back (end) against the wall so that (only) one upright will be needed. The "greatest length" is the horizontal distance between the two uprights.

Measurements taken along the top contour of the skull are even more worthless, because of the different heights of skulls

according to age and species. But in any case the measurement affords no more than a rough approximation, because of the fact that in very old skulls the sagittal crest may protrude backwards an inch or more beyond the actual rear end of the skull.

In the case of certain species--notably the big Alaska Peninsula Ursus gyas in comparison with the Kadiak Island Ursus middendorffi--the actual length of the skull (condylo-basal length) taken by itself is highly misleading. This is due to the widely different shape of the skull in the two animals--the Alaska Peninsula Bear having a long, slender, and relatively flat skull, while the Kadiak Bear has a short, broad, and highly arched skull. For this reason a skull of an old male Kadiak Bear measures less in length than many skulls of Alaska Peninsula gyas.

You are asking for another article on Bears. I may send you one a little later.

A note is enclosed concerning the misuse of the name Kadiak Bear.

The photographs you sent are returned herewith by separate envelope, in which also you will find the diagram I have made to illustrate the correct way of measuring the "greatest length" of skulls.

Very truly yours,

C. H. Merriam

WHY MISUSE THE NAME KADIAK BEAR ?

During the past year there has been a growing tendency among sportsmen, judging from articles in Outdoor Life and other publications, to glorify the name Kadiak Bear and spread it over several widely different species. This is particularly true in the case of the great Alaska Peninsula Bear (Ursus gyas) whose skull differs so strikingly from that of the Kadiak Island Bear (Ursus middendorffi) that the two are easily told apart at a distance of upwards of 100 feet.

If it is a good thing to confuse these species, why not carry it further and call the White-tail Deer, Mule Deer; the Gray Squirrel, Fox Squirrel, and so on? In other words, if the name of one species is to lose its meaning by applying it to other species, how is anybody to know what anybody is talking about?

C. Hart Merriam.

April 11, 1924

Prof. Edwin Markham,
West New Brighton,
New York.

My dear Sir:

Your entertaining book 'California the Wonderful' contains among numerous illustrations one (facing page 52) entitled "View of an Indian Rancheria, Yuba City. From an old print." Can you, without too much trouble, give me the reference to the original?

Very truly yours,

C. Hart Merriam

April 11, 1924

Secretary
National Academy of Sciences
Smithsonian Institution
Washington, D. C.

My dear Sir:

Replying to the notice recently received of the dedication of the building for the National Academy of Sciences, April 28, and the reception to be held at 9 o'clock on that evening, would say that I expect to be present and shall be obliged if you will send me the necessary card of admission and an additional one for Mrs. Merriam.

Very truly yours,

C. Hart Merriam

April 16, 1924

Mr. J. J. Underwood,
Seattle Chamber of Commerce,
Colorado Building,
Washington, D. C.

Dear Mr. Underwood:

Your letter of the 14th instant arrived yesterday.

Your introductory clause contains a slip which I have taken the liberty to correct, there being several mountains higher than Mount Rainier in the continent of North America, but not in the United States (Mount McKinley, Mount St. Elias, Mount Logan, and others).

Your last statement in this introductory clause, to the effect that hundreds of thousands of dollars have been expended in advertising the name Rainier strikes me as of too local interest in an important case like this.

In the opening sentence of the part contributed by me I don't like to begin with the word 'Than', and therefore have changed it to a more direct statement: "No geographic feature in any part of the world can claim a name more permanently fixed than that of Mount Rainier--fixed by right of discovery, by right of priority," and so on.

Very truly yours,

C. Hart Merriam

April 19, 1924

Mr. W. J. Taylor, Editor,
Rod & Gun in Canada,
Woodstock, Ontario, Canada.

My dear Sir:

Your journal for July 1923, p.123, presents a photograph of apparently a rather large bear skull fastened to a couple of poles--evidently the work of Indians. The legend under it gives the locality as Onamakawash Lake, northern Ontario. Do you remember by whom the photograph was taken? I should be glad to pay a fair price for a print of this negative, as it is of interest in connection with the belief of many Indian tribes in the necessity for placating the spirit of a killed bear.

If you will kindly forward this letter to the owner of the negative, or send me his address, your courtesy in the matter will be appreciated.

Very truly yours,

April 21, 1924

The John Clark Company,
1783 East 11th Street,
Cleveland, Ohio.

Dear Sirs:

Thank you for your List. No. 755, of books and pamphlets relating to the Indians. Kindly send me No.50, 'Ploughed Under; the Story of an Indian Chief, told by Himself;' New York, 1881, price $1.00.

I enclose check for $1.10, allowing 10¢ for postage.

Very truly yours,

C.M.

April 22, 1924

Prof. O. H. Close,
Superintendent Preston School of Industry,
Ione, California.

My dear Sir:

A recent clipping from the Jackson Ledger calls my attention to the great need of the Ione Indian Home. I visited this Home a number of years ago, and at one time was acquainted with most of the Indians of the region.

I am deeply interested in the condition of California Indians and wish I were in a position to help more than is possible at present. However, I am enclosing check for $10 which I shall be obliged if you will kindly turn in to the Indian Home fund.

Very truly yours,

C. Hart Merriam

April 22, 1924

Hon. Homer P. Snyder,
House of Representatives,
Washington, D. C.

My dear Sir:

Recently I have received a clipping from a Humboldt Bay (California) newspaper, commenting favorably on a bill introduced by you providing for Indian citizenship.

I have not seen this bill and shall be greatly obliged if you will kindly send me a copy--two copies if you have plenty. I should be glad to receive also copies of any bills proposed by you relating in whole or in part to west coast Indians.

Very truly yours,

C. Hart Merriam

April 26, 1924

Mr. W. I. Adams, Accountant,
Smithsonian Institution,
Washington, D. C.

Dear Mr. Adams:

Herewith I am enclosing salary voucher($125.00)for Miss Ellen Allston for services as stenographer, month of April. Miss Allston wishes to return to her home in North Carolina on or about the 1st of May, and would be greatly obliged if her salary check may be sent in time to reach her before she goes.

My April account will be sent in later.

Very truly yours,

C. [illegible]

April 26, 1924

Hon. Homer P. Snyder,
Chairman, Committee on Indian Affairs,
House of Representatives,
Washington, D. C.

My dear Sir:

Many thanks for your courtesy and promptness in sending me copies of your bill providing for citizenship of Indians.

I admire the intent and simplicity of this bill and trust it may pass.

The next thing needed is an authentic definition of the word 'citizenship', concerning which a variety of opinions were expressed during the meeting of Secretary Work's Advisory Committee of 100.

Very truly yours,

C. [illegible]

April 26, 1924

Mr. F. V. Williams,
William's Trail via Allenwater,
Ontario, Canada.

My dear Sir:

In Rod & Gun in Canada of July 1923, p. 123, appeared a reproduction of a photograph of the skull of what appears to be a large black bear, fastened to a couple of poles--evidently the work of Indians.

Being interested in both Bears and Indians, I should like very much to procure a good print of this photograph, and if you will kindly send me one with bill I shall be greatly obliged and will remit at once.

Very truly yours,

April 26, 1924

W. A. Gough,
41 East 16th Street,
New York City.

Dear Sir:

Not long ago I received from you a catalogue advertising for sale a copy of Philpot: Symbolism, the Sacred Tree, or the Tree of Religion in Mythology,' London, 1897 (your catalogue No. 205).

If you still have this book for sale kindly send me a copy with bill for same and I will remit at once.

Very truly yours,

April 26, 1924

Book Department,
American Forestry Association,
Washington, D. C.

Dear Sirs:

One of the books which I ordered from you some time ago has never arrived. Its title is 'Fifty Years on the Old Frontier', by James H. Cook (National Book Buyer's Service, 522 Fifth Avenue, New York City) and since it is a recent publication there should be no difficulty in obtaining it.

I shall be obliged also if you will order for me a book by Charles Francis Saunders entitled 'Useful Wild Plants of the United States and Canada', published by Robert McBride & Company, New York, 1920.

Very truly yours,

C. Hart Merriam

April 26, 1924

Mr. J. C. Rutenick,
Klamath Falls, Oregon.

Dear Sir:

For some time past I have been trying to obtain a copy of a book whose title has been given me as 'A History of the Indian Wars, 1861-1862' by Captain Rutenick. Thus far I have failed, owing to my inability to learn the name of the publisher. Can you help me in this matter?

If you could have a copy sent me, with bill for same, I should be greatly obliged and will remit at once.

Very truly yours,

C. Hart Merriam

April 26, 1924

Mr. Augustus High,
148 Central Station,
Portland, Oregon.

My dear Sir:

A year or more ago mention was made in Masama Magazine that you had presented to the organization the head of a Rocky Mountain Sheep. Can you tell me where this particular specimen was killed and where it is now preserved.

Very truly yours,

C. Hart Merriam

April 29, 1924

Mr. J. A. Hanna,
Superintendant,
Ruth Hope Mines,
Sandon, British Columbia.

My dear Sir:

Thanks for your letter in reply to my inquiry about the two kinds of Goat in your region. Do you know whether the horns of both kinds are black and sharp?

In Idaho and other parts of the west many hunters speak of an animal which they call Ibex which has always turned out to be the female of the Mountain Sheep.

I am particularly interested in your kind offer to get me the skull of a Grizzly. I am very anxious to get hold of as many skulls as possible of adult male Grizzlies from your region. I believe there are at least two distinct species of Grizzly in your country.

Your invitation to go on a hunt with you is most tempting, but unhappily I am too old. I fired my first shot at Grizzlies 52 years ago in the mountains of Idaho and in the Yellowstone Park region.

No, I have no description of the Black Grizzly of the Chelan-Similkameen region except the technical description of the skull.

With best wishes and hoping you have a successful hunt,

Very truly yours,

C. Hart Merriam.

April 29, 1924

Mr. Henry R. Wagner,
90 El Camino Real,
Berkeley, Calif.

Dear Mr. Wagner:

Am glad to see the announcement of your Annotated Bibliography of the Spanish Southwest, 1542-1794, and shall be obliged if you will put me down for one of the ordinary copies at $30 to be paid on receipt of book.

I had hoped to see the announcement of your work on Drake's Voyage.

With best wishes,

Very truly yours,

C. Hart Merriam.

April 29, 1924.

Mr. W. I. Adams
Accountant
Smithsonian Institution
Washington, D. C.

My dear Mr. Adams:

Will you kindly have the salary checks of Miss Stella R. Clemence mailed to her in future at her new address, 220 Willow Ave., Takoma Park, Md.?

Very truly yours,

C. Hart Merriam

April 29, 1924

Dr. Gilbert Grosvenor,
President, National Geographic Society,
Washington, D. C.

Dear Doctor Grosvenor:

I have just received from the Secretary a notice of the May meeting of the Board of Trustees, accompanied by a nominating ballot and the information that the executive committee has nominated Doctor John Foote of this city to fill the vacancy caused by the death of Doctor T. L. Macdonald.

As a member of the Board I feel impelled to protest against this method of nomination for the reason that it practically nullifies the provision of Article 4 Section 1 of the By-laws. The obvious intent of this section was to give the members of the Board a free hand in nominations, thus affording the Society the distinct advantage of a considerable number of names to choose from. The Executive Committee in presenting a cooked and dried nomination not only deprives the Society of a larger field of choice, but also as a matter of fact places the nomination in the hands of the very small minority of the Board.

Very truly yours,

C. Hart Merriam

April 29, 1924

Captain Frederic B. Bassett,
Hydrographer, U. S. Navy,
Washington, D. C.

Dear Captain Bassett:

Can you tell me about what it would cost to change the name of Mount Rainier to Mount Tacoma on the charts of the Hydrographic Office and the Coast Survey, said cost to cover the reengraving and reprinting.

Very truly yours,

C. Hart Merriam
Chairman.

April 29, 1924

Mr. James McCormick,
Secretary, U. S. Geographic Board,
Washington, D. C.

Dear Mr. McCormick:

Can you give me an approximate estimate of what it would cost to change the name of Mount Rainier to Mount Tacoma on the Geological Survey maps and publications, said cost to cover reengraving and reprinting.

Very truly yours,

C. Hart Merriam

May 1, 1924

Mr W. N. Dorsey, Disbursing Officer
Smithsonian Institution
Washington, D.C.

My dear Mr Dorsey:

Herewith I am enclosing my expense account for the month of April, amounting to $51.67 and voucher for Zenaida Merriam, services as assistant $35 which I shall be obliged if you will kindly pay from the Harriman Fund.

Congratulations and best wishes in your new office, which I learned of only yesterday.

Very truly yours,

C. Hart Merriam

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1919 Sixteenth Street, N.W.
Washington, D. C.

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April 4	American Anthropologist for 1924		5 00
7	American Forestry Association, Books: Shoshone Folklore, How & Why Stories, Origin and Evolution of Religion, Anthropology, Denizens of the Desert, Seneca Indian Myths)	1	16 88
10	Sunset Magazine for 1924		2 50
12	Mounting cards for photographs 23¢; jar white marking ink 35¢		58
14	Allen's Press Clipping Bureau, clippings (Indians and Bears) for March 1924	2	3 00
14	M. A. Leese, Outfit for coloring Indian photographs	3	1 00
21	John Clark Co. 'Ploughed Under' by Indian Chief		1 10
22	The Ione California Indian Home for Indian Children	4	10 00
24	Underwood Typewriter Co. ribbon coupon book	5	5 00
	Stamped envelopes and postage for month of April		1 08
	Gas, March 24 to April 24 $8.80 (⅓ of 8.80 = 2.93)	6	2 93
	Electric current, March 20 to April 19, $7.80 (⅓ of 7.80 = 2.60)	7	2 60
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C. Hart Merriam

May 2, 1924

Book Department
American Forestry Association
1523 L Street, Washington, D.C.

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Dear Sirs:

Saunders' book entitled 'Useful Wild Plants', ordered from you on April 26, arrived this morning, for which I am obliged. Cook's 'Fifty Years on the Old Frontier' has not yet come to hand, but doubtless will in a day or two.

In addition to these I shall be obliged if you will order for me a copy of Carpenter's 'Pagan and Christian Creeds' (R.V.Coleman)

Very truly yours,

May 5, 1924

Mr Henry Goddard Leach
Editor of the Forum
247 Park Avenue, New York

My dear Mr Leach:

About three months ago you asked me to write something on our National duty toward the Indians. I replied that I could not just then but would try later. Since then I have been very ill.

I am now enclosing an article on The Cruelty of the Allotment system in California--a subject that seems to have escaped the notice of your contributors.

If not wanted, kindly return the manuscript--postage enclosed.

Very truly yours,

C. Hart Merriam

THE CRUELTY OF FORCED ALLOTMENTS IN CALIFORNIA

C. Hart Merriam

Only a year ago the Indians of Palm Springs on the edge of the Colorado Desert in California were thrown into a state of apprehension and dismay by the sudden unannounced appearance of Government surveyors sent by the Indian Office to subdivide their communal village and pasture lands into individual allotments. Not only was this a terrible shock, but when the surveyors had gone the anxious Indians were kept in suspense for months until Secretary Hubert Work, at last learning the truth, postponed indefinitely the final order.

It is well to remember that long ago the Indians had apportioned their land among themselves, in accordance with their own tribal laws, and that in their councils no action is taken except by unanimous consent.

Indians, like ourselves, are in the main social. From time immemorial the non-nomadic tribes have lived in villages, planting and harvesting in accordance with the tribal laws, and

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since the advent of horses, cattle, and sheep, ranging their stock collectively. The practice of the Indian Office in breaking up tribal lands and apportioning small tracts to individual Indians is a violation of their hereditary customs and beliefs, the idea of individual land ownership being contrary to their traditions and understanding. Furthermore, the practical application of the allotment system is almost invariably unjust for the reason that the individual allotments are rarely of equal value. As a rule the Indian is not consulted. He is arbitrarily assigned a piece of land, often without water and worthless for cultivation.[1]

It is only a few months since the Palm Springs Indians were assured that for the time being at least their homes would not be broken up.

They and their friends rejoiced, believing that the verdict in this case applied not only to Palm Springs but also to other small reservations in Southern California. But they were destined to disappointment, for the accursed

[1] In the case of lands purchased for Indians, the Assistant Commissioner of Indian Affairs, Mr. Merritt, states: "We did not buy that land with a view of providing farms for the Indians but for homes so that they could live in safety in the community where they had been living for years and so that they could go out among the ranches and farms and earn their living."

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work is still going on. It is now announced that the Indian Office has decided--in spite of protests and petitions from both Indians and whites--to allot the remaining Indian lands of Southern California!
Less than three months ago, according to the California press, a party of Indian Office surveyors was halted while attempting to survey allotments on the La Jolla Indian reservation in San Diego County. The facts as given in a signed statement by the Indians are:

"W.H.Thorn, while engaged in surveying preparatory to a forced allotment of reservation land, against the wishes and over the protest of the majority of the Mission Indians, entered with his party in many instances upon the cultivated lands of Indian farmers, injuring and destroying growing crops. The owners of the crops protested and endeavored to prevent him, but in no instance that we are able to ascertain was any violence attempted. At any rate none was intended."

What do these forced allotments mean?

They mean the practical confiscation and resubdivision of Indian homes, gardens, and pasture lands

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that have been occupied for long periods--sometimes for generations. And in some cases they mean that the home and improvements of one Indian are transferred to another. They mean more. They mean the destruction of tribal government with its established system of laws and social codes--laws and codes that for ages have controlled the conduct and activities of the people. It is a heart-breaking affair; one calculated to destroy the last remnant of faith in our Government, and to rob the Indian of ambition for the present and hope for the future.

One of the agents in charge, when confronted with some of the iniquitous features of the proposed allotments, replied that such injustices "are necessary to the carrying out of the allotment plan"--as if the plan had to be carried out, suffer who will!

Why should the Government permit this persecution?

Why misuse the authority of the Government to forcibly allot and redistribute lands belonging to the Indians, lands they have held in communal occupancy for generations?

Why must we always interfere with the lives,

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laws and customs of the original owners of the country--people whose lands we have absorbed without pretense of compensation?

Why should we interfere with their established mode of life? Why not let them live in peace? Why are we in such a hurry to impose upon them the white man's way for everything? The answer, as a recent writer puts it, is: "In the interest of standardization, let us force them to become like us."

They do not need to be forced. The young people are yearly adopting more and more of our ways; the change is coming naturally without need of pressure. The difficulty is of quite another sort, namely, of persuading the younger Indians to appreciate and preserve the beautiful and worth while arts, industries, customs, and ceremonies of their forefathers.

Returning to the Southern California allotments: The feelings of the Palm Springs Indians are thus expressed by one of their own number: "We believe in living in our simple way, each working for the good of all with things in common. It was the way of early tribal living and it binds us together in many ways . . . Most of us are too old to

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rebuild and remake our lives. To interfere with our land is to work against our hearts--a very real disturbance. Life to us is more than 'bread and butter', and these lands are everything to us." And in an appeal to the Secretary of the Interior the chief, speaking for the tribe, says: "Our tribe is whole against allotment. We have [a] patent for our land. . . We want to keep it whole."

Not only was it proposed to allot the home or village lands of these Indians, but also the more remote desert lands valuable only for pasturage. The use of these as individual instead of community holdings would necessitate the impossible expense of fencing and would lead at once to the inevitable difficulty of obtaining water for the stock.

Why should the Government play false?

The officers of the Government in charge of this work not only operate against the expressed wishes of the Indians, but go through the pretense of complying with an imaginary request of the Indians. For instance, the blanks used on the Agua Caliente reservation at Palm Springs in 1923 are entitled 'Selection for Allotment' and go on to say: "This is to certify that _____ has selected the lot . . . . . containing _____

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acres more or less, according to Government survey." Does this not savor of the "voluntary admissions" wrung from the victims of the Inquisition?

It is generally admitted--even by the white neighbors of Southern California Indians--that every survey of Indian lands leads to shrinkage. Forty years ago, under the direction of a government Indian agent, the Palm Springs Indians were "surveyed out" from a material part of their most valuable lands--lands now occupied by the white settlement of Palm Springs where small lots bring from $1500 to $2000--but this is another story.

Attitude of the Indian Office

I have no sympathy with many of the attacks on the Indian Office--such for instance as holding it culpable for insufficient schools and appallingly inadequate medical attention, when as a matter of fact Congress has provided only a fraction of the funds necessary to properly perform its duties in these directions. The position of Commissioner of Indian Affairs is one of the most difficult and trying in the government service; and no man can conduct the affairs of that office in such manner as to escape criticism.

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Nevertheless I hold the Indian Office responsible for the general attitude of overbearing dictatorship and intimidation by veiled threat that for years has characterized many of its actions--an attitude observable both on the reservations and in the central office at Washington. This spirit applies to small as well as large things--as shown by such needless antagonisms as the refusal until a couple of months ago to do away with the obnoxious term 'Digger' for a California tribe--a term known to be regarded by the Indians as one of inferiority and contempt. The rejoicing of the Indians on hearing of its abandonment is thus described by the Stockton Record of April 21: "Burned at the stake amid the jeers and taunts of hundreds of warriors in full regalia, and with their faces covered with war paints, an effigy representing the hated name of Digger was consigned to oblivion yesterday afternoon at a ceremonial gathering of the tribesmen from a half dozen counties of Northern California."

While relatively this is a small matter, it nevertheless illustrates the same spirit of unsympathetic arbitrary dictatorship that prompts the persistent determination to force the diabolical

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allotment rule upon unwilling tribes now living under a communal system long ago worked out by themselves.

An editorial in a California paper (the Banning Record) asks: "Is it not a contemptible procedure for us who talk about liberty and individual rights to force a small handful of Indians to lose their homes and be dispossessed of their lands against their will, when they have a clear title from the United States Government?"

It is hardly too much to say that one of the greatest needs of our Indian service today is the replacement of official indifference, coldness, and arbitrary dictatorship by an attitude of kindly sympathetic friendship, patient cooperation and helpfulness, together with the recognition of the rights of Indians to their own lands and to their own modes of life.

There is reason to believe that the present Secretary of the Interior, Dr. Work, is in sympathy with this point of view and that under his influence reforms have already begun. Indications of this may be seen in the recent abandonment of the official use of the odious term Digger, in the support given the wise policies of the Superintendent of the

Blackfeet tribe, and in the postponement--I wish I dare say absolute annulment--of the effort to allot the communal lands of the Palm Springs Indians. May the good work continue and may it expand until it covers the whole field of governmental relations with the Indians of the United States!

May 8, 1924.

Miss Dorothy H Huggins
California Historical Society
508 Wells-Fargo Building
San Francisco, California

My dear Miss Huggins:

Thanks for your letter of April 30, telling me that the July Quarterly of the Historical Society will go to press about June 15.

I regret to say that it will be out of the question for me to have my article, "A Regrettable Chapter in the History of California" ready by that time. I have been ill for the last six weeks, and am now trying to finish writing up the notes of last summer's field work, so that I may return to California.

The material for the article in question is all ready and quite voluminous, but the labor of preparing it for the press will take a good deal of time.

Very truly yours,

C. H. Merriam

May 8, 1924.

Mr. Donald H. Dickey
514 Lester Avenue
Pasadena, California

My dear Mr. Dickey:

Thanks for your letter of April 29. I have been on the sick list for the last six weeks or two months, and not able to accomplish much.

We are very anxious to return to California, but cannot yet set a date, as I have not been able to finish writing up my last season's field notes, and we are worried about the outcome of the hoof and mouth disease, fearing it may interfere with our field work of the coming season.

With kindest regards to you all,

Very truly yours,

C. H. Merriam

May 8, 1924.

Professor Sherman D.Thacher
The Thacher School
Ojai, California

My dear Professor Thacher:

Very many thanks for your letter of April 21, and for the three excellent prints you were kind enough to enclose, showing the entrance to the basket cave, and part of its contents.

I appreciate also your invitation to deliver your Commencement address on June 13, and regret very much that this will be impossible. I have been ill for the past six weeks or two months, and am still on the sick list, and so not know just when I shall be able to return to California. However, I promise myself the pleasure of calling on you at your school some time, though it is impossible to say when.

With regrets,

Very truly yours,

C. Hart Merriam

May 8, 1924.

Vernon Bailey
Carlsbad, New Mexico

Dear Bailey:

From time to time Florence has given me interesting fragments of information as to what you have been doing, but thus far has been silent on the subject of your work among the Mescaleros.

I hope you have secured from them their names for "cave" in general, and for as many particular individual caves as they may happen to have names for. Also, of course, their numerals one to ten, and their words for "sun", "moon", "stars", "water", "earth", "mountain", "person", "man", "woman", "baby", and all the mammals, birds, reptiles and plants you can show them.

What do they call themselves? Their name for their own tribe?

Florence has kept you posted as to what has been going on here, so I will not attempt to pass on any news except that I am still a trifle under the weather. When are you coming home?

As ever yours,

Hart

May 8, 1924.

Mr. Augustus High
Box 148
Portland, Oregon

My dear Sir:

Very many thanks for your courtesy in replying to my inquiry about the head of the mountain sheep mentioned in Mazama Magazine.

I had hoped it might have been killed in Oregon, but learn from your letter that it was a Wyoming specimen, and therefore in all probability the Rocky Mountain species.

Very truly yours,

May 10, 1924

Mr. Arch M. Gilbert
820 Prospect Avenue
El Paso, Texas

Dear Arch:

Outside it is a cloudy day but your letter of the 5th inst. has cheered us up inside materially. It is a fearfully long while since we have heard from you, and we have many times thought and spoken of you and Angie, and should have written had I known your address.

It is good to know your work is expanding and that you have such a fine territory to cover with prospects of reaching out into Arizona.

I wish we could accept your hint to drop off at El Paso for a shake all around before going on to California, but our return tickets read via Santa Fe.

We had planned to return to Lagunitas the last week of March but owing partly to pressure of work here, and partly to illness on my part we are still here and expect to be till the first week of June anyhow. We all miss you and Angie muchly and shall live in the hope that future events may bring us near together again.

With love to you both,

As ever,

C. Hart

May 12, 1924

Mr. P.G.Smith
Service Mgr. American Motors Corporation
Plainfield, New Jersey

My dear Sir:

Pardon my long delay in writing and in returning the radiator that you sent me. It has never been unpacked and is returned to you by express prepaid just as it came.

I should have returned it long ago, but for the fact that I have been rather seriously ill, at one time having a temperature above 104½. This of course has delayed my return to California.

Is the Company turning out any new cars nowadays?

Very truly yours,

C. Hart Merriam

May 10, 1924

Miss Dorothy H. Huggins
California Historical Society
508 Wells Fargo Building
San Francisco, California

My dear Miss Huggins:

Writing you a day or two ago, I forgot to ask what has become of the 50 separates of my reply to Fletcher's criticism in the last number of the Historical Quarterly. They have not yet been received, and I shall be greatly obliged if you will kindly have the printer send them at once, with bill, as I am anxious to distribute them before leaving for California.

Very truly yours,

C. H. [illegible]

1919 16th St.
May 12, 1924

Mr. James McCormick
Secretary U.S.Geographic Board
Washington, D.C.

Dear Mr. McCormick:

Very many thanks for your letter of the 10th inst. and the enclosed Land Office map of North Dakota, showing the location of the Black and White Buttes in Slope and Hettinger Counties. I will set out at once on the hunt for the Indian name of H.T.Butte.

Very truly yours,

C. Hart Merriam

May 12, 1924.

Mr. Henry R. Wagner
90 El Camino Real
Berkeley, California

Dear Mr. Wagner:

Your letter of the 5th inst. arrived this noon and within an hour was followed by the book. It certainly contains a wealth of information and is beautifully gotten up. I congratulate you on being its father. It is an important addition to my library and cannot fail to be of service in my research work. My check for $30.00 is enclosed herewith. Kindly have a receipt sent me.

The printer of your Historical Quarterly must be a very deliberate man. Last year, you may remember, it was several months before he sent me the separates of my article on Jedediah Smith, and now, although the April number of the Quarterly came out a month ago, my separates have not yet arrived. Can you not stir him up? I am anxious to distribute them before leaving for California.

Shall be glad to see you when you come to Washington on or about the 20th of the month, as I am not likely to get away until early in June.

I regret that your article on the Drake voyage will not appear this year, but am mighty glad to see your account of the Cermeno voyage of 1595.

Very truly yours,

C. Hart Merriam

May 12, 1924

Mr. Vernon Bailey
Carlsbad, New Mexico

Dear Bailey:

In writing you a few days ago I forgot to speak of something that you would naturally look into anyhow, but lest your mind is too deeply imbedded in bats to think of the Indian lore that may be connected with the caves, I am writing to call your attention to the importance of that part of the investigation.

Don't fail to get from the Indians their old tales in regard to the caves: how they were formed, who lived in them, whether or not they were the abodes of giants or hob-goblins. If you get solid with them and don't hurry them [put on brakes for once] you are sure to learn a lot of most interesting things.

This afternoon has ended a three days' rain. The streams are flooded, and railroad communication with Pittsburgh is cut off.

As ever yours,

H. T.

May 13, 1924

Dr. C. D. Walcott
Secretary Smithsonian Institution
Washington, D.C.

Dear Dr. Walcott:

Referring to your letter of the 8th instant, concerning the proposed publication of two Annual Reports this year, and requesting the submission of the title of an article, I very much regret to say that, owing to the pressure of unfinished research work, I fear I shall not be able to submit an article this year.

Very truly yours,

C. Hart Merriam

May 13, 1924

Dr. C. D. Walcott
Secretary Smithsonian Institution
Washington, D.C.

Dear Dr. Walcott:

Today's mail brings me a copy of the new edition of Gerrit Miller's List of North American Recent Mammals. This so far as students of Mammals are concerned is one of the most useful publications ever issued by the Government.

I am wondering if it would be practicable for you to send me 2 more copies, so that I may have 2 in connection with my office work here and one at Lagunitas, California.

Very truly yours,

C. Hart Merriam

May 13, 1924

Sprague deCamp
6617 Leland Way
Hollywood, California

Dear Sprague:

Your letters of March 5, March 7 and April 16 came duly, but owing to great pressure of work and also to a rather severe illness I have not been able to answer.

It is hard to answer your question as to how Ales Hrdlička pronounces his name. As nearly as I can express it in our alphabet, it is pronounced "Hardleska". The man resembles the name--extremely peculiar..

I am very glad you have seen Professor Loye Miller. He is a good and wise naturalist, and used to the ways and needs of boys.

We had expected to arrive at Lagunitas about six weeks ago, but for the reasons stated are still uncertain as to the time we can get away, but we hope to be there early in June.

We had hoped to have you with us at Lagunitas from the beginning of your April vacation, but fear now that you will not be able to come until after your return from Alaska. I am not quite sure about this, but understood from one of your letters that you would be in school until June 27.

With kindest regards to you all,

Very truly yours,

C. Hart Merriam

May 13, 1924

Mr. J. Eugene Law
2370 Altadena Drive
Altadena, California

Dear Mr. Law:

Thanks for your letter of April 22. We are now at least six weeks late in beginning the season's field work in California, and fear we shall not be able to get away until the early part of June. I have been delayed by the necessity of writing several promised articles, and also because of a rather serious sickness from which I have not yet entirely recovered.

Your kind offer of the use of your house while doing field work in the southern part of the State is most tempting, and we should be very happy to accept at some time in the future should matters shape themselves to make this practicable.

With kindest regards to Mrs. Law and yourself from all three of us,

Very truly yours,

C. Hart Merriam

May 13, 1924

Mr. P. Martinelli
Lagunitas
California

Dear Mr. Martinelli:

Doubtless you are wondering what has become of the Merriam family, as we had intended to return to Lagunitas much earlier than this.

Two things have kept me here; first, unfinished work, and second, severe illness. I now hope to get away early in June.

We have been sorry to hear that the rainfall during the winter and spring was far below normal.

Trusting that you and your family are well, and with kind regards to you all,

Very truly yours,

C. Hart Merriam

May 13, 1924

Mr. Gerrit S. Miller
U.S. National Museum
Washington, D.C.

Dear Miller:

Today's mail brings me a copy of the new edition of your List of North American Recent Mammals.

The previous edition was one of the most useful publications so far as students of Mammals are concerned that has ever appeared in America, and this new edition, revised and brought down to the end of 1923 and with the addition of a classified list of type localities is something that all our naturalists must be thankful for. It is a splendid piece of work and I am mighty glad to have lived long enough to see it published in its present shape.

There is just one point that I do not understand. The preface gives a table showing the representation of the various groups in the National Museum. It omits to mention the number of types represented in each group but has two columns, one each for "Eutypes" and "Hypotypes", which names to me are utterly strange and meaningless. Why not stick to the old word "type" which we all understand?

I cannot close without expressing my personal admiration and gratitude for this every-day help in our work. It is the biggest kind of a time-saver.

With best wishes, Very truly yours,

C. Hart Merriam

May 13, 1924

Dr. C. E. Grunsky
Mechanics Institute Building
57 Post Street
San Francisco, California

Dear Dr. Grunsky:

Your letter of the 8th instant came this morning and I am sorry to say that I am unable to help you out on the names you mention. Unfortunately, I have never had any Indian with me in Hetch-Hetchy Valley and therefore have no first hand information as to the geographic nomenclature of the Valley. The name of the Valley as a whole, however, is pronounced "Hetch-Hetch-u" by the Indians, the voice falling with the last syllable. The word you give as the name of Lake Eleanor means 'big'. The spelling you quote is Owayanuh. I find I have it Oi-yan-na and Oi-yah-na--clearly the same word. I do not remember having seen the magazine article you refer to recording an Indian legend relating to Lake Eleanor.

If you were talking about Yosemite, I could help you out with nearly all the geographic names. These I hope to publish in the not distant future.

Regretting that I am not familiar with most of the names you mention, and with kindest regards,

Very truly yours,

C. Hart Merriam

1919 16th Street
May 14, 1924

Mr. C.P.Truitt
Secretary Cascadians
Box 584
Yakima, Washington

My dear Sir:

Your communication of May 7 addressed to the U. S. Geographic Board is befcre me. I am very glad to know of the action of your Club in the matter of the name Mount Rainier. We have recently had a similar communication transmitting resolutions passed at a meeting of representative citizens of South Prairie and vicinity, Washington.

I trust that you have sent copies of this resolution, especially the first clause, to members of Congress, particularly to Representatives from the State of Washington, and also to the members of the Committee on Public Lands.

Very truly yours,

C. Hart Merriam

Chairman U.S. Geographic Board.

May 15, 1924

Judge or Clerk Superior Court
Bakersfield, California

My dear Sir:

A newspaper clipping has just reached me mentioning the recent trial for murder of Mariano Phillips charged with killing 'Doc' Brown, Indian Medicine Man.

The clipping does not state where the Indians in question live but speaks of them as 'Piute'. As there are no Piutes in the Tejon or elsewhere west of the Sierra, I am interested to know what tribe the Indians in question belong to. The locality where they live will indicate the tribe.

If the testimony in this case was printed I should like to purchase a copy; if not printed, I should be glad to know approximately what a transcription would cost. The part I want refers to the old Indian belief in regard to the power of the Medicine Man.

Trusting you will pardon me for troubling you in this matter,

Very truly yours,

C. Hart Merriam

May 19, 1924

Miss Dorothy H. Huggins
California Historical Society
508 Wells Fargo Building
San Francisco, California

My dear Miss Huggins:

Very many thanks for your letter of the 14 instant. The separates have just arrived, for which I am very grateful.

Very truly yours,

C. Hart Merriam

May 19, 1924

Dr. C. D. Walcott
Secretary Smithsonian Institution
Washington, D.C.

Dear Dr. Walcott:

Very many thanks for your kindness in sending me two copies of the new edition of Miller's List of North American Recent Mammals so that I may have one at my California base as well as here in Washington. It is a most useful publication.

With best wishes,

Very truly yours,

C. Hart Merriam

May 20, 1924

Hudson Book Company
25 W. 42nd Street
New York City

Dear Sirs:

Thanks for your Catalogue No. 76.

Your item 16, Surveyor General's Report for 1856 calls for 38 pages, which I assume to be an error as the report for that yean has 332 pages. If this is the full report I shall be glad to purchase it at the price mentioned $4.50.

Very truly yours,
C. Hart Merriam

May 20, 1924

Dr. E. W. Nelson
Chief U.S.Biological Survey
Washington, D.C.

Dear Nelson:

Before leaving for Florida you asked for a photograph of myself to add to the Biological Survey collection. At the time, I was unable to find it but have recently succeeded so I am sending it to you by this mail.

Congratulations on your safe return!

Now that you are back and have nothing particular to do, we shall all be very glad to see you at 1919.

As ever yours,
C. Hart Merriam

May 20, 1924

Professor Edmond S. Meany
University of Washington
Seattle, Washington

Dear Professor Meany:

Very many thanks for your letter of the 14th instant and for the book you were good enough to send me, entitled 'Origin of Washington Geographic Names'.

This is the kind of a book I like to see but unfortunately there are mighty few to be compared with it. I wish we had something of the sort for California, and we ought to have one for every state in the Union. For more than twenty years I have been piling up a card catalogue of place names in California but shall never find time to finish it.

The obvious superiority of your book on Washington place names is that you have treated the names historically, thus placing a fund of information at the disposal of historians as well as geographers, naturalists and others interested in matters of this sort. I congratulate you on being the parent of so valuable a work, and at the same time wish to thank you for your courtesy in sending me a copy.

Mount Rainier being somewhat in the atmosphere at present, I naturally turned to your statement on the subject. You say among other things: "The U.S. Geographic Board has rendered two decisions in the case, both in favor of Mount Rainier". You

should have said three instead of two. The first decision as you state was in 1890, the second in 1917, and the third in May 1921. At the latter time a delegation from Tacoma with a lawyer for spokesman talked to the Board for a long time, in the course of which he said a number of things that were not true. The result of the hearing was a unanimous vote of the full Board against the proposed change of name. But what Congress will do to us in the near future no man can foretell.

With kind regards and best wishes,

Very truly yours,

C. Hart Merriam

May 21, 1924

Hon. William M. Steuart
Director of the Census
Washington, D.C.

My dear Sir:

Can you without too much trouble give me the number of preachers in the United States belonging to the Roman Catholic Church, and also the number of those belonging to Protestant Churches and Hebrew Churches?

By 'preachers' I mean to include all sorts of clergymen, ministers, priests and so on.

Very truly yours,

C. Hart Merriam

May 22, 1924

Dr. Owen C. Coy
Editor California Nugget
Berkeley, California

My dear Doctor Coy:

Number three of the Nugget arrived a few days ago and like its predecessors proves of interest and value.

You will pardon me I am sure if I call your attention to one or two errors in the meanings given for certain Indian geographic names. For instance, Tamalpais is said to mean "Bay Mountain". As a matter of fact the name is compounded of two words, Tamál, the name of the country from San Rafael to Point Reyes, and Pí-is, mountain. It stands in the middle of the country of the Hoó-koo-é-ko Indians and being by far the highest mountain in their country carries the name of the country plus the word for mountain, thus, Tamal pi-is.

The meaning ("snow spirit") given for Yallo Bally Mountains (which should read Yolla Bolly) is wrong. The name is from Yolla, snow, and Bolly or Bolla, mountain, meaning simply 'snow mountain'. There are at least a dozen other Wintoon geographic names in which descriptive words are combined with Bolla or Bolly for mountain.

It is stretching things a little to say that the name Yosemite is derived from the word for grizzly bear, although

in a roundabout way this might be true. Dr. L.H. Bunnell named the valley, evidently after the rancheria of Yo-hamí-i-te which was situated on the south bank of Merced River on the site of the present Sentinel Hotel and adjacent cottages. The Indians of this village sometimes hunted the grizzly bear, the Indian name for which is Oo-hoó-ma-te, sometimes pronounced O-hamí-i-te.

The meaning given for Petaluma is "flatback". It is hard to put any such construction on it. The word for flat in the language of the tribe of this region is te-el-le. On the other hand, the name of the California lilac in the same language is pe-te-lah while loma is often used as a locative. Hence Petaluma could easily mean 'the lilac place' although I am not certain that this is the correct derivation.

If I live long enough I hope to publish several thousand place names which I have obtained from different tribes of California Indians, but of late years the number has grown so rapidly that I have not been able to arrange them for publication. The best way to bring them out might be by tribal areas, although a dictionary arrangement for the State would also be useful.

I think you understand that in pointing out these little errors in detail, I am not aiming to criticize the Nugget. It is an excellent and a useful publication and I am always glad to see it.

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C. Hart Merriam

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C. Hart Merriam

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Retake of Preceding Frame

1919 16th Street
May 23, 1924

Honorable N.J.Sinnott
Chairman Committee on Public Lands
House of Representatives
Washington, D.C.

My dear Sir:

Your letter of the 21st instant is at hand, requesting a report from the United States Geographic Board on the subject of the proposed change of name of Mount Rainier to Mount Tacoma.

The Geographic Board has in previous years held several hearings on this subject and has accumulated much information. The matter will now be taken up again and in compliance with your request a thorough investigation will be made and when completed a report will be sent you.

Very truly yours,

C. Hart Merriam

Chairman U.S. Geographic Board

May 23, 1924

Superintendent Preston School
Ione, California

My dear Sir:

A month ago (April 22) I sent a check for $10.00 drawn on the Crocker Bank of San Francisco to O.H.Close, Superintendent, as a contribution to the needed fund for Indian children.

Not having received any acknowledgement, I am anxious to know whether or not the check was received.

Very truly yours,

C. Hart Merriam

May 23, 1924

Dr. Joseph Grinnell
Director, Museum Vertebrate Zoology
Berkeley, California

Dear Doctor Grinnell:

Yesterday I received a bound copy of 'Animal Life in the Yosemite' by yourself and Tracy Storer, for which I am very greatly obliged.

I am simply amazed at the size of the book and the interest and value of its contents, and also at the wealth and character of the illustrations.

While I have not had time to read it, I have examined it enough to see that it is by far the most comprehensive and at the same time the most detailed work that has ever appeared on the animal life of any part of the world.

I admire your treatment of closely related forms which appear to the ordinary observer as essentially the same, as in the case of the Shrews and Pocket Gophers.

If you or your assistants had talked with some of the old Indians of the Valley on the subject of Grizzly Bears your remarks under that species would read differently.

It is to be regretted that you use the unfortunate name "Mountain Beaver" for Aplodontia; and I very much dislike a number of your English names for species, and especially and

most emphatically the printing of newly coined English names without the scientific name, as in the legends under the illustrations.

An added misfortune is the fact that the index does not help one out, a number of your common names failing to appear in it.

In the matter of illustrations you surely have been fortunate, the great majority of them being most satisfactory. In fact, the only poor one I have noticed is that of the Chipmunks. Most of the color plates by Allan Brooks are charming and add much to the value as well as the attractiveness of the work.

Your adaptation of the geologist's method of columnar display for Zone Distribution is most graphic and satisfying and the colors of the columns add enormously to the clearness of the presentation. And furthermore, your diagrams and colored map of the Life Zones are another great addition to the educational value of the work.

More than 20 years ago, as I think you know, I studied this same section very carefully from the Merced foothills by way of Tuolumne Meadows to Mono Lake, traversing it in both directions a number of times; and during numerous visits to Yosemite in the course of the past 35 years special attention was given to the details of distribution, but pressure of other work defeated publication.

On Plate 58 figures b and d strike me as hardly comparable,

owing to the great difference in size of Lizard and size of scales. In this connection you may be interested to know that I once captured alive at El Portal a splendid adult specimen of the species b in your plate. This particular specimen was identified by Van Denburgh as 'Gerrhonotus scincicauda' and later the same specimen was identified by Stejneger as 'G. palmeri'. Obviously it is the same as your figure b which I find named 'Webbii' in the footnote, page 630. This is the Big-headed Fire Lizard of the Mé-wuk Indians, called by them 'O-wah'-to'. This animal is distinctly warlike and opens its mouth very wide showing a bright flaming throat.

In closing, I want to congratulate you and Storer on the thoroughness of your work, and to express my admiration for the admirable way in which you have presented the results of your studies.

With best wishes,

Very truly yours,

C. Hart Merriam

May 23, 1924

Book Department
American Forestry Association
1523 L. Street
Washington, D.C.

Dear Sirs:

What is the trouble about getting the books I ordered through you some time ago? I have not yet received Cook's 'Fifty Years on the Old Frontier' or Carpenter's 'Pagan and Christian Creeds', both of which were ordered some time ago and both of which are advertised on current lists by R.V.Coleman, National Book Buyers' Service, New York City.

Very truly yours,
C. Hart Merriam

May 24, 1924

Mr. Arthur B. Heaton
Maryland Building
Washington, D.C.

My dear Mr. Heaton:

Thanks for your kindness in sending a stone man to point up my front steps. He did what looks like a good job, but in the heavy driving rain this afternoon gallons of water leaked through into the basement forming pools in the depressions and spreading back at least 25 feet.

I do not know enough about cement work to know whether or not this was because the material had not had time to harden, but thought I had better let you know about it.

Thanking you for your attention in the matter,

Very truly yours,
C. Hart Merriam

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1919 16th Street
May 26, 1924

Dr. Melvin R. Gilmore
Heye Museum
New York City

My dear Doctor Gilmore:

In the southwestern corner of North Dakota stands a high butte that is the highest point in the State. For years it has been called 'H T Butte' and is sometimes called 'Black Butte', but there is another 'Black Butte' in the adjoining county on the east.

The people of the neighborhood have requested the U.S. Geographic Board to give the 'H T Butte's distinctive name. Personally, I am anxious to perpetuate Indian names whenever they are reasonably short and easy to pronounce. It occurs to me that you may know the name of this Butte. If so, and if you will kindly help me in the matter, I shall be greatly obliged.

Very truly yours,

[illegible]
Chairman U.S. Geographic Board

May 28, 1924

Dr. Philip King Brown
Medical Building
San Francisco, California

Dear Doctor Brown:

Thanks for your letter of May 18 forwarded from Lagunitas. Owing partly to illness and partly to pressure of work, I am not yet ready to return to California and see no prospects of reaching Lagunitas before the middle of June or possibly a few days later. Some time when I am in San Francisco I shall be very glad to see the Goldsmith collection of baskets.

I am interested in what you tell me about Mrs. Ynes Mexia. She seems to be an unusually capable woman, but you omitted to state whether or not she is a stenographer. I am always in sore need of a stenographer and during the years when I do not take one with me from Washington I am in the habit of obtaining one from time to time in San Francisco.

As soon as practicable after reaching California I shall try to call on you at your office.

Very truly yours,

C. Hart Merriam

From the name I suppose Mrs Mexia speaks and writes Spanish.

May 28, 1924

Mr. F.E.Smith
Bakersfield, California

My dear Sir:

Your letter of May 21 replying to my inquiry in connection with the murder trial of Mariano Phillips has arrived, and I am very grateful for the information it contains. This is just what I wanted.

Thanking you for the trouble you have taken in the matter,

Very truly yours,

C. Hart Merriam

1919 16th Street
May 29, 1924

Dr. Melvin R. Gilmore
Museum of the American Indian
New York City

Dear Doctor Gilmore:

Very many thanks for your promptness in replying to my letter of inquiry about H T Butte. I have written to Mr. G. F. Will of Bismarck, and Doctor A.McG. Beede of Ft. Yates by same mail, in accordance with your suggestion.

I was delighted to learn not very long ago that you are now permanently located at the Heye Museum, where I am sure you will be of service to anthropology and a help to the Indians.

With best wishes,

Very truly yours,

C. Hart Merriam

Chairman U.S. Geographic Board

1919 16th Street
May 29, 1924

Dr. A. McG. Beede
Fort Yates, North Dakota

My dear Sir:

The matter of a name for the H T Butte in the southwestern corner of North Dakota is before the Government Geographic Board, and Doctor Melvin Gilmore, now of the Heye Museum in New York, has written me that you are likely to know the name in the Mandan and Dakota languages.

The Butte in question is reported to be the highest land in North Dakota. Any information you may contribute will be thankfully received.

Very truly yours,

C. Hart Merriam

Chairman U.S. Geographic Board.

1919 16th Street
May 29, 1924

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Bismarck, North Dakota

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Very truly yours,

C. Hart Merriam

Chairman U.S. Geographic Board.

May 29, 1924

The Science Press
Lancaster, Pennsylvania

Dear Sirs:

The receipt today of five copies of the Scientific Monthly for June, containing my article on Baird the Naturalist, worries me. On the blank pasted to the top of the proof which I returned I stated that a hundred separates were desired. Possibly these will follow in the natural course, but in case of any misunderstanding I wanted to make sure that I will receive the number of separates asked for.

Very truly yours,

C. Hart Merriam

1919 16th Street
May 30, 1924

Postmaster,
Martinsburg, West Virginia

Dear Sir:

Will you kindly inform me whether or not there is in your town any person by the name of S. H. McKown?

Very truly yours,

C. H. Tittmann

Chairman U.S. Geographic Board

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June 4, 1924

Mr. N. W. Dorsey, Accountant
Smithsonian Institution
Washington, D.C.

Dear Mr. Dorsey:

Herewith I am enclosing my expense account for the month of May, amounting to $55.09, together with vouchers for Zenaida Merriam, services as assistant, $38.50, and Faith Bonfoey, stenographer and assistant, May 8 to 31 inclusive, at $130 per month amounting to $99.67, which I shall be obliged if you will pay as usual from the Harriman Fund.

Very truly yours,

C. Hart Merriam

Dr. C. Hart Merriam

1919 Sixteenth St., Washington, D.C.

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	19	H.R. Wagner The Spanish Southwest	4	30 00
	22	Scribner's Hume's The World's Living Religions.		1 75
	22	Ruled paper		15
	22	Ballantyne, Manila Envelopes		70
		6 Street car tokens for assistants		40
		Postage & stamped envelopes		2 05
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C. Hart Merriam

1919 16th Street
June 4, 1924

Hon. N. J. Sinnott
Chairman Committee on Public Lands
House of Representatives

Dear Sir:

In compliance with your request of May 21, I transmit herewith a report from the United States Geographic Board on the subject of the proposed change of name of Mount Rainier to Mount Tacoma.

This report was adopted today by a unanimous vote against the proposed change.

The Geographic Board consists of fourteen officers of the Government, appointed by the President of the United States, and representing the following Bureaus and Departments:

Coast and Geodetic Survey
Department of Agriculture
Department of State
Forest Service
General Land Office
Geological Survey
Government Printing Office
Hydrographic Office, Navy Department
Lighthouse Bureau
Postoffice Department
Smithsonian Institution, Bureau of Ethnology
Treasury Department
War Department, General Staff.

I beg to call your attention to the fact that this is the fourth time during the past 34 years in which the Geographic

Board has been called upon to decide whether or not there is any justification in the proposition to change the establisht name of Mount Rainier to Mount Tacoma, and in each case has decided most emphatically against any change.

Very truly yours,

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Chairman U.S. Geographic Board.

REPORT OF UNITED STATES GEOGRAPHIC BOARD
on
THE NAME OF MOUNT RAINIER

Mount Rainier was discovered March 8, 1792 by the eminent geographer and explorer, Captain George Vancouver, and was named by him in honor of Rear Admiral Peter Rainier of the British Navy. For a century and a quarter the name 'Mount Rainier' has been on every important map of western America regardless of where issued, and during the same period has appeared in all important geographies, atlases, histories, and encyclopaedias, and all official documents relating to the Pacific Coast region, whether published in the United States, Canada, England, France, Germany, Italy, Spain, Holland, Russia, or Arabia.

In the words of the late Professor George Davidson, foremost geographer of the Pacific Coast region: "Vancouver's names upon this western coast are part of the history of geographic discovery and exploration", and they have been accepted by the

See Voyage of Discovery to the North Pacific Ocean by Capt. George Vancouver. Vol 1 pp 253 - 268, 1st Ed. London 1798. Also French Edition, Vol. 1 p 277, Paris 1799. Name Mount Rainier in text and on charts in atlas of both English and French editions.

geographers of all nations. For, as stated before this Board by Victor Farrar, a student of history: Vancouver's "right to name the mountain is well attested by the fact that since 1792 [the year of its discovery] no geographer of any nationality has ever challenged the name".

No geographic feature in any part of the world can claim a name more firmly fixed—fixed by right of discovery, by right of priority, by right of international usage, and by the conspicuous place it holds in the literature, atlases, and official charts of the civilized nations of the earth.

To change it would be a blow to the stability of geographic and historical nomenclature, and a reflection on the intelligence of the American people. The name has become the property of the world and is no more a local matter than the name of the Andes of South America or the Himalaya of India. Think of the chaos in geography, history, and science that would result if new names were given to the world's most prominent landmarks!

The records of science in the field of geology, and in studies of glaciers, mammals, birds, reptiles, insects, forests and humbler plants, contain thousands of references to Mount Rainier, and our museums include thousands of specimens whose labels bear the name. And such records and specimens are by no means confined to our own coutry, for they are to be found also in the literature and the museums of most of the countries of Europe. Imagine the confusion a change in the name of the mountain would cause after the present controversy has been forgotten!

The demand for change of name.

Beginning with the year 1883 and continuing to the present day, a majority of the people of Tacoma have been striving to bring about a change in the name of the great mountain, wishing to replace the old established name Rainier by that of their own city. At first the movement lacked impetus, but in the course of a few

years it became general and an association was formed for the specific purpose of financing and directing an active aggressive campaign. By means of personal appeal, newspaper and magazine articles, and public lectures all parts of the United States were reached and many people were led to believe that the proposed change should be made. Furthermore, during the past 34 years the people of Tacoma have sent three delegations to Washington(in 1890, 1917, and again in 1921) in the hope of influencing the United States Geographic Board to make the change. Having failed, they are now appealing to Congress.

Advocates of the name Tacoma are continually calling attention to the number of patriotic and other organizations favoring the name 'Tacoma'. But no mention is made of the insidious way in which these organizations have been misled to believe that Tacoma is the aboriginal distinctive name of the mountain.*

* Some of the appeals, while misleading, are couched in dignified language; others contradict one another and abound in false information, and a few--notably a small pamphlet by S.H. McKown entitled 'The Violence done by perpetuating the name Mount Rainier', a second edition of which was issued in Tacoma early in the present year,are not only untruthful but scurrilous.

Arguments in favor of Tacoma

Examination of the evidence presented at the hearings in favor of the name Tacoma, together with a careful reading of many published articles on the subject brings out the fact that only two arguments have been brought forward by supporters of the change. These are:

(1) That Tacoma is the aboriginal Indian name of the mountain;

(2) That the man Peter Rainier for whom the mountain was named was an enemy to our country.

The facts in the case

In reply to these statements the U.S. Geographic Board presents the following:

1. The name Tacoma.---Names more or less similar to Tacoma--as Takoha, Tah-ho-ma, Ta-gho-ma, Takob, Tah-ko-bed, Tahch-ho-bet, Dacobed, and others--were applied by the tribes of the region to all lofty snow-clad peaks from Mount Baker on the British

Columbia boundary south to Mount Hood in Oregon.

Years ago Dr. George Otis Smith, Director of the U.S. Geological Survey, called attention to the fact that an old international boundary map on file in the Department of State shows the name Ta-ho-ma on Mount Baker close to the boundary between British Columbia and Washington. And the same name (or one of its variants) has been applied by the native Indians not only to Mounts Baker and Rainier, but also to Mount Adams, Mount St. Helens, Mount Hood, and other high peaks--each tribe calling the snow mountain in its neighborhood by the name which

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The Indian names applied to the several lofty snow peaks of the Cascade Range from British Columbia south to Oregon may be arranged in two catagories according to the dialectic differences in the languages of the tribes. Thus in one series the last syllable has the 'mah' sound while in the other it has the sound of 'bet' ('pet' or 'bed'), as shown in the following lists:

Tacobah	Dacobed
Tahoba	Tacobed
T'choba	Tacobet
T'chakoba	Ta-hp-bet
Tach-ho-ma	Tahch-ho-bet
Tah-ch-ho-mah	Tah-ko-bed
Tachkoma	Ta-ko-bid
Ta-gho-ma	Tah-koh-bud
Tah-hoh-mah	Tacob
Tak-ho-ma	T'kope

T'koma

(The spellings here given are those of the various authors. There are one or two others--as Ta-koman or Tak-ho-man which are not well allocated).

in its language means "the white mountain".

Senator Dill in his report to the Senate (Report No. 268, Calendar No. 283, 88th Congress 1st Session) repeated a published statement that the name 'Tacoma' "means the mountain that was God". Nothing could be farther from the truth, the name (in its several forms) meaning simply 'white mountain'.

2. The man Rainier.--Peter Rainier, whose grandfather was a French Huguenot, was born at Sandwich, England, and when a lad of about 15 years (in 1756) entered the British Navy. On May 26, 1768, he was promoted to the rank of Lieutenant, and on May 3, 1777, was placed in command of the sloop 'Ostrich'. On July 8 of the following year, during the Revolutionary War, after a severe struggle, he captured an American priveteer. He was severely wounded in the breast by a musket ball but refused to be taken below until he had captured the enemy's vessel, thus proving himself a brave and valorous officer, deserving the honors that were bestowed upon him. In 1795 he was made Rear Admiral, and in 1804 advanced to the highest rank--Admiral of the Blue. In

1807 he was elected to Parliament, and at his death left a tenth of his property toward the extinguishment of the national debt.[4] Is not this sufficient answer to the claim that he was "an obscure person"?

It is charged that Rainier believed in slavery, and that in the War of the Revolution he was an enemy of the United States. Both of these charges appear to be true. Is it not true also that many of our highest officers and other prominent men of the time were slave holders? And is it a fair charge against Rainier that in the service of his country he proved a brave and patriotic officer?[5]

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[4] E. S. Meany, 'Vancouver's Discovery of Puget Sound', pp 100-101. The Macmillan Company, London and New York, 1915.

[5] The maliciously false charge that he "ravaged our coasts, burnt our towns" and so on, is on a par with the accusation that the U.S. Geographic Board rendered its first decision for the perpetuation of the established name as a return for a carload of Rainier beer--the obvious fact being that the date of the decision (1890) was 4 years previous to the first appearance of the beverage in question! And it may not be amiss to add that among the eminent men against whom this slander is directed were Henry Gannett, then chief geographer of the Geological Survey; Marcus Baker, of the Geological and Coast Survey; Thomas Mendenhall, then head of the Coast and Geodetic Survey; and Richardson Clover, then chief hydrographer of the Navy, later Admiral. All are now dead.

History of the use of the word Tacoma

So far as known to us, the earliest written use of the name 'Tahoma', 'Tah-ko-bed' or any related word irrespective of spelling, was its appearance already referred to, on an old unpublished map showing the location of the International Boundary between British Columbia and the State of Washington. The date of this map has not been ascertained but it antedates most of the settlement of the region. It was discovered in the State Department and photographs were furnished to Dr. George Otis Smith, Director of the U.S.Geological Survey, who in 1901 was in charge of the investigation of the northwestern boundary of the United States. In examining the map Dr. Smith was surprised to find the Indian name 'Ta-ho-ma'on Mt. Baker in addition to its English name.

The next written use of the name--and the first in the form 'Tacoma' was in 1863 in a book by Theodore Winthrop, entitled 'Canoe and Saddle'. Winthrop stated that it was a generic term applied to Mount Rainier and also "to all snow peaks".

In 1866, three years after its publication by Winthrop, the name was adopted as the title of a Good Templar Lodge at Olympia, and two years later was given the embryo town since known as Tacoma, entered on the original survey as 'Commencement City'.

In 1876 Gen. Hazard Stevens had ascertained that "Tah-homa or Tahoma among the Yakimas, Klickitats, Puyallups, Nisquallys, and allied tribes of Indians is the generic term for [snow] mountain".--Atlantic Monthly Nov. 1876.

The movement to change the name of Mount Rainier originated, as everybody knows, in the city of Tacoma, and in the year 1883. In that year the officials of the Northern Pacific Railroad announced that in their guide books and other publications the name 'Mount Tacoma' would be used in place of 'Mount Rainier'. During the ensuing year the new name was generally adopted by the people of Tacoma. In fact, the enthusiasm over it was so marked that the people proposed its adoption in place of 'Washington' as the name of their state, then about to be admitted into the Union.

In 1889 a Tacoma lawyer and historian, Ellwood Evans, stated in his 'History of the Pacific Northwest': "The railroad company renamed the mountain after the city". And in 1893 C. G. Brewerton in his 'History of Washington, the Evergreen State' explained that the name Rainier "was generally accepted by early settlers up to the time of the completion of the Northern Pacific to Tacoma; then, renaming the mountain after the city, the company called it Mount Tacoma". But later, even the Northern Pacific Railroad abandoned its claim, announcing: "We have carried this farce as far as we are going to for advertising purposes. The name has been officially declared to be Rainier, and that is what we shall call it".

When Senator Dill presented his report from the Committee on Public Lands, recommending the passage of the Joint Resolution to change the name of the mountain, he was asked if such change was desired by the people of the State of Washington. In reply he said that the Legislature of Washington had requested that the name be changed.

The action of the Legislature referred to was a Resolution adopted in the early spring of 1917 concerning which a few words of explanation seem proper. William Bishop, for ten years a member of the Washington State Legislature, and serving at the time of the passage of the Resolution, stated plainly: "The real sentiment of both houses was opposed to the passage of the memorial asking for the change of name...its passage was secured through the powerful influence of the Speaker of the House, who was from Tacoma, and the President of the Senate, who was from Tacoma. Their influence, through the chairmen of the various committees whom they had appointed, absolutely controlled". And it may be added that the then Governor of the State was a resident of Tacoma and had been for many years.

In addition to the fact that both the President of the Senate and the Speaker of the House were from Tacoma, a Tacoma lobbyist (S. W. Wall) after visiting many of the members of the Legislature at their homes, went to the Capitol and remained during a considerable part of the session, working for the Resolution, which after being once defeated, was finally passed.

One of the leading newspapers of the West, the Seattle Post- Intelligencer , under date of April 21, 1917, said in a leading editorial:"It is of course possible to decree that henceforth the name of the mountain shall be 'Mount Tacoma', or 'Mount Somethingelse'. But no decree can make people use the name. It will still be 'Mount Rainier' in speech and in the written word". The same is true today.

The specific name of Mount Rainier

Each of the several tribes of Indians living in the adjacent region has a definite specific name for the great mountain. This, according to the dialect of the tribe speaking, is P'sk-houks (usually written 'Puskehouse'), 'Tu-ah-ku', or 'Tiswauk' (otherwise written'Chis-wauk', 'Stiquak' and 'Twahwauk'). These are distinctive names, applied to Rainier and no other mountain. And still the people of Tacoma ask for "the restoration of the original and rightful name of the mountain"! But this is exactly what they do not want; they want the name of their city.

Proportionate occurrence of the names Rainier and Tacoma in printed works.

An examination of the literature relating to the Northwest Coast region in general and to the State of Washington in particular, was made several years ago under the direction of the U.S. Geographic Board, for the purpose of ascertaining the relative frequency of occurrence of the names Mount Rainier and Mount Tacoma in histories, guides, books on travel and exploration, scientific publications, and magazine articles; amd also in the standard dictionaries, encyclopedias, gazetteers, and atlases of the world. This inquiry developed the following facts:

(1) Apart from documents and folders treating of or emanating from the city of Tacoma more than 90 percent use the name 'Mount Rainier' exclusively.

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To the foregoing list of titles the following should be added:

Gazetteers

Rainier oder Tachoma.--Ritter's 'Geographisch-Statistisches Lexikon', 9th edition, Vienna, 1910.

Rainier (Ranier, Tacoma, or Tachoma), Mount.--'Longman's Gazetteer of the World', London, 1920.

Rainier (or Tacoma), Mount.--Lippincott's 'Gazetteer of the World', Philadelphia, 1922.

Atlases

Mt. Rainier--The 'Times Atlas and Gazetteer of the World', London, 1922.

Mt. Rainier.--'Atlas Universel de Géographie', Paris 1923

M. Rainier.--'Grande Atlante Geografico' (Baratta-Visintin), Novara, 1922

Mt. Rainier.--Andree's 'Allgemeine Handatlas' 8th edition, Leipzig, 1922.

Other English Names

It has been pointed out by Dr. George Otis Smith and others, that no protest from the people of Tacoma has been discovered against any of the other names bestowed by Vancouver at the time he named Mount Rainier, altho several of these--as Puget Sound, Mount Baker, Port Orchard and Whidbey Island--were named for British officers on his own ship. Among the additional names given by Vancouver in honor of Englishmen are Bellingham Bay, Penn Cove, Vashon Island, and Port Townsend.

And if our sense of patriotism should lead us to cancel English place names because we were once at war with England, would not the map of the United States look like a skinned cat? And who would undertake the task of renaming the hundreds of cities, towns, and geographic features thus bereft of their titles from Cambridge and Mount Vernon in the east to Bellingham and Puget Sound in the west?

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Cost of Change of Name

Has the cost of the proposed change been considered—the cost to the Government of reengraving and reprinting the maps and official documents on which the name occurs, as published by the United States Geological Survey, the United States Coast and Geodetic Survey, the War Department, the Hydrographic Office of the Navy, the Forest Service, the Biological Survey, the National Parks Service, the General Land Office of the Department of the Interior, the Post Office Department, and the Department of Agriculture? And aside from the expense of changes in Government maps and documents, what justification could be offered for the alterations that would be required in the multitude of maps, guide books, histories, school readers and other publications of prominent business firms, the aggregate cost of which would reach appalling figures?

If the present Congress should change the name, is it not extremely probable, owing to the rapidly increasing protests from the great majority of citizens of Washington and other states, that during the next Congress a counter resolution would be introduced, changing it back to 'Rainier'?

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Recapitulating, it appears:

1. That the name Tacoma in this form is not strictly an Indian word of the northwest, but seems to be derived from a number of more or less similar words used by the Indians of the region as a generic term, meaning 'white mountain', and applied to all snow peaks of the Cascade Range from British Columbia to Oregon. It is not, in any of its forms, the distinctive name of any mountain.

2. That Peter Rainier for whom the mountain was named, instead of being "an obscure person", was a valiant officer who attained the highest rank in the British Navy.

3. That the clamor for substituting Tacoma for Rainier as the name of the mountain arose in and is continually fomented by a group of citizens of the city of Tacoma.

4. That by means of propaganda emanating from Tacoma and carried on over a series of years, consisting of personal argument and correspondence, newspaper and magazine articles, lectures, and appeals to patriotic and historical societies and women's clubs, hundreds of people have been misled to believe that the change ought to be made.

5. That the agitation begun and so persistently carried on by this one city--as against the rest of the world--threatens one of the most firmly established names on the face of the earth and if successful would deal a death blow to the stability of international geographic nomenclature.

Secretary

C. Hart Merriam

Chairman

1919 16th Street
June 6, 1924

Mr. R. O. Kloeber,
Bureau of the Budget
Washington, D.C.

Dear Sir:

Replying to your letter of May 22, inquiring as to economies in the conduct of the U.S. Geographic Board, would state that all the members of the Board serve without pay, that no money has ever been appropriated for the employment of a secretary, stenographer, or clerk, nor for traveling expenses, and that the only appropriation the Board has ever had is for publication and is paid direct to the Public Printer.

Respectfully,

C. H. Sinclair

Chairman U.S. Geographic Board.

1919 Sixteenth Street
June 7, 1924

Mr. P. D. Range
Secretary Pioneer Association
Seattle, Washington

My dear Sir:

Very many thanks for your courtesy in supplying me under date of May 23 with additional information concerning the names 'Rainier' and 'Tacoma', as applied to the magnificent mountain in your region.

While it is risky business forecasting what Congress will do, I do not believe that the established name of the mountain will ever be changed.

Very truly yours,

C. H. Sinclair

Chairman U.S. Geographic Board.

1919 16th Street
June 7, 1924

Mrs. Loyal Young
9005 Carkeek Drive
Seattle, Washington

Many thanks for your long letter in regard to the proposed change of name of Mount Rainier to Mount Tacoma. Most of the facts you mention have been familiar to me for many years.

You do not need to present any arguments to the U.S.Geographic Board, but might be able to enlighten several members of Congress.

Very truly yours,

C. Hart Merriam

Chairman U.S.Geographic Board

1919 Sixteenth Street
June 7, 1924

Mr. George F. Will
Bismarck, North Dakota

My dear Sir:

Thanks for your letter of the third instant in regard to the Indian name of the H T Butte. You say that you believe it to be the same as Black Butte. That name has been applied to it, but is unfortunate for the reason that there is another and better known Butte of the same name in Hettinger County, which is the adjoining county on the east. The H T Butte, reported to be the highest land in North Dakota, is in Slope County.

I shall be greatly obliged if you can ascertain its Indian name in the language of one or more of the neighboring tribes.

Very truly yours,

C. Hart Merriam

Chairman U.S. Geographic Board.

1919 16th Street
June 17, 1924

Mrs. FrederickH. Colburn
President, Mt. Lassen Geographical Research Society
75¶ Sutter Street, San Francisco, California

My dear Mrs. Colburn:

Your letter transmitting a quantity of material concerning Mt. Lassen reached me some time ago, for which I am obliged. I began a letter to you but held it pending search for a detailed modern map of the Lassen region. There appears to be no such map. I have also waited to talk the matter over with Mr. Farquhar, who told me he was coming to see me but has not shown up.

You have supplied or suggested a lot of names but have not designated the particular points or features to which they are to be applied. The Government Board does not operate in the way this implies, but considers a name (or rival names) in connection with its application to a definite designated feature as a mountain or a river. For this reason the Board is unable to act. However, I have turned over to our Secretary (Mr. James McCormick of the Geological Survey) your letters and the five petitions requesting that the name 'Fairfield Butte' Mountain or Peak' be applied to the highest unnamed peak in the Lassen National Park. But you fail to tell us what and where this point is.

Mrs. F. H. C. --2

Personally, I agree with you that the Board would be justified in using the names Diller and Fairfield, in spite of the fact that both men are unfortunate enough to be still among the living, but I am only one fourteenth of the Board, and many of the members are dead against naming features for living men.

You have been misinformed as to the meaning of certain Indian names mentioned in your letter. For instance, you say that 'Nome-lak-ee' means 'Mountain Lion'. The 'Mountain Lion' in this case is like the famous mongoose, and also like the popular translation of 'Sonoma' as the 'Mountain of the Moon'--a figment of an overwrought imagination. As a matter of fact the name 'Nom-lak-ke' means 'Western Talkers' and is the name of a tribe in the Paskenta region.

You mention 'Balla Bocca' as a Shasta name. It is not Shasta but is a Wintoon name and is the well known designation of a mountain not in the Lassen region but immediately east of McCloud River and south of Chatterdown Creek.

Regretting that I cannot help you in bestowing names on mountains or other features until the features in question are located and designated,

Very truly yours,

C. H. [illegible]
Chairman U.S. Geographic Board.

1919 16th Street
June 17, 1924

Mr. James McCormick
Secretary, U.S. Geographic Board
Washington, D.C.

Dear Mr. McCormick:

A letter has just come from Dr. A. McG. Beede of Fort Yates, North Dakota, telling me that the proper name for H T Butte in southwestern North Dakota is 'Pahazezepala'. He tells me that the word is essentially the same in both the Sioux and Mandan languages, and that it means 'thin'--the Butte being thin through. Unfortunately the Indian name is rather long. We might adopt its translation, 'Thin Butte'.

I talked with Sioux Indians here in Washington about this name, and they suggested that I write Dr. Gilmore and Mr. G. F. Will of Bismarck and Dr. Beede of Fort Yates. The others wrote that they did not know the name. Dr. Beede knows it in both languages (Mandan and Dakota).

Very truly yours,

Chairman.

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Dear Mr. McCormick:

Herewith I am handing you the material received from Mrs. Frederick H. Colburn some time ago, proposing names for undesignated features in the Mt. Lassen region. I am enclosing also carbon of my letter to her.

Very truly yours,

Chairman.

1919 16th Street
June 17, 1924

Dr. A. McG. Beede
Fort Yates, North Dakota

Dear Doctor Beede:

Very many thanks for your courtesy in replying to my inquiry in regard to Indian name or names of the H T Butte. You are the only person written to who knows the names, and I am very glad indeed to have them.

With many thanks for your trouble in the matter,

Very truly yours,

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Chairman U.S. Geographic Board.

June 17, 1924

Mr. F. V. Williams
Williams Trail
via Allenwater, Ontario

My dear Sir:

Very many thanks for your letter of May 31 enclosing photograph of the Bear Fetish. I am very glad to have this fine photograph, and am enclosing herewith my check for $2.00 in accordance with your memorandum.

In writing you before, I forgot to ask where you took the photograph. Was it on or near the lake on which Jack Pine Lodge is situated? And do you know the name of the tribe?

With best wishes,

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I don't suppose there ever were any Grizzly Bears in or to the northward of your region.

Retake of Preceding Frame

June 17, 1924

Mr. S. L. Hoffman
Box 141
Santa Barbara, California

Dear Mr. Hoffman:

Your letter of June 10 in regard to the work of the Indian Defense Association arrived today from Lagunitas, California. As you see, I am still in Washington, but hope to reach my summer place at Lagunitas about the first of July.

I am glad that the organization is making a fight for religious liberty for the Pueblo and other Indians.

You mention the stoppage of the allotment of Indian lands at Palm Springs, but say nothing as to the allotment of lands on other Indian Reservations in southern California. Do you know whether this is still going on? In my judgment it is a most iniquitous thing. I have written an article on the subject, but it has not yet been published.

Very truly yours,

C. H. [illegible]

June 19, 1924

Dr. Owen C. Coy
Doe Library
Berkeley, California

Dear Doctor Coy:

The May 'Nugget' arrived a few moments ago. In glancing through it I confess to a sinking feeling when I struck the story of El Capitan, entitled 'The Rock of the Measuring Worm'. It certainly is a pity to perpetuate and disseminate such utter nonsense as this yarn of old Hutchings.

The name of El Capitan in the language of the Yosemite Indians is not 'Tultokana', but is 'To-to'-kon oo-lā', from 'To-to'-kan-nó', the Sandhill Crane. Instead of meaning 'Measuring worm', it is named for the Sandhill Crane, one of the great Chiefs of the First People, who, after he had been transformed into a bird, built his nest on top of El Capitan.

In your letter of June 3 you mention that you are unable to find the publication 'Out-of-Doors'. It is published by the Tamalpais Club and has been issued irregularly for a number of years. If I find a duplicate of the number containing my article on native Indian names in the Tamalpais region, I will send it to you.

Very truly yours,

C. Hart Merriam

I have just read with great interest and pleasure your fine article entitled 'Stories behind California's Place Names'. It should be expanded into a book for the popular history of California and become a prized possession in every reading household in addition to the merit as a text book for use in our schools.

June 20, 1924

Mr. Arthur B. Heaton
Maryland Building
Washington, D.C.

Dear Mr. Heaton:

After writing you a month ago about the serious leak in the pointing of the stone front steps of my house, the man who had charge of the job came to look at it. I took him into the basement and showed him where the water had come through and where it had flowed back at least 25 feet on the floor of the basement, passing under a number of steel file cases containing valuable records. He said he would send a man to fix it, but thus far no one has appeared, and with each rain--and rains have been as you know of almost daily occurrence--the water has continued to come in and flow under my file cases, keeping the papers damp.

We are going to California in the near future, and I am wondering if you cannot put on sufficient pressure to have the steps made waterproof before we go.

I regret to bother a very busy man, but in this case the matter seems urgent. And I do not know the name of the man who did the job.

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Very truly yours,

C. Hart Merriam

Retake of Preceding Frame

June 26, 1924

The Science Press,
Lancaster, Pa.

Dear Sirs:

Very many thanks for the separates you were kind enough to send me of my article entitled 'Baird the Naturalist' in the June number of the Scientific Monthly. A most unexpected demand for this article leads me to enquire whether the type is still set up. If so, I should be greatly obliged if you will print and mail me at my expense 150 more copies.

If the type has been distributed, chuck this in the waste basket.

Very truly yours.

C. Hart Merriam

1919 Sixteenth St.
June 26, 1924

Honorable Robert N. Stanfield
United States Senate

My dear Sir:

In compliance with your request of the 20 instant I am mailing under your frank to Miss Anna G. Hall, Pendleton, Oregon, the last published list of decisions of the U.S. Geographic Board.

The decisions for the current incompleted year 1924 will be sent when issued some time later.

Very truly yours,

C. Hart Merriam

Chairman U.S. Geographic Board.

June 26, 1924

Mr. Pompeo Martinelli
Lagunitas, California

Dear Mr. Martinelli:

It is now so late in the season that you may think that the Merriam family has given up going to California this year, but this is not the case. We expect to leave about the fourth of July and to reach Lagunitas before the middle of the month.

We have had a very rainy season, including numerous violent thunder storms the last of which happened yesterday afternoon.

Trusting that you and your family are well, with best wishes to you all from all of us,

Very truly yours,

C. Hart Merriam

June 26, 1924

Publisher
The Scientific Monthly
Lancaster, Pa.

Dear Sir:

Kindly change my mailing address for the summer, beginning in July, from '1919 Sixteenth St., Washington, D.C.' to 'Lagunitas, Marin County, California', returning to the old address with the November number.

Very truly yours,

C. Hart Merriam

Similar letter sent to:

American Forests, 1523 L St. Washington, D.C.
Booneville Herald, Booneville, New York.
Field and Stream, 24 W 45 St., New York City
Game Breeder, 110 W 34th St., New York City
Indian Herald, 3 City Hall, San Francisco, Calif.
Journal of Heredity, 1918 Hartford Ave., Baltimore Md.
Literary Digest, 354 Fourth Ave., New York City
Motor Land, 1628 Van Ness Ave., San Francisco, Calif.
National Geographic Magazine, Sixteenth St., Washington, D.C.
Nature Magazine 1918 Hartford Ave., Baltimore, Md.
Outdoor Life 1824 Curtis St., Denver, Colorado.
Outlook 381 Fourth Ave. New York City
Rod and Gun in Canada, Woodstock, Ontario.
Science Lancaster, Pa.
Scientific Monthly, Lancaster, Pa.
Sunset Magazine, 460 Fourth St., San Francisco, Calif.

June 27, 1924

Postmaster
Lagunitas, California

Dear Sir:

After receipt of this please do not forward any more of the Merriam family's mail to Washington as we expect to get away on or before the fourth of July and hope to see you in the near future.

With best wishes,

Very truly yours,

C. Hart Merriam

June 28, 1924

Dr. W. B. Stephens
1250 Bay Street
Alameda, California

Dear Doctor Stephens:

Doubtless the Stephens family has been indulging in speculations as to the whereabouts and whyabouts of the Lagunitas branch of the Merriam family. Well, we are still here and still have hopes of going to California for an all-too-short field season.

Owing to numerous and serious interruptions, including the writing of several articles and one or two spells of sickness, I have not yet been able to entirely finish writing up the results of last season's field work. Checking up, I find that during the 1923 field season I worked with and obtained vocabulary material from 21 tribes--the largest number worked in any single year. I succeeded in obtaining additions and corrections to numerous intertribal boundary lines, and added thousands of words to my vocabularies, including two or three tribes not previously visited.

Just as I was beginning to think I saw daylight ahead, I received an order from Congress to prepare a report on the proposed change of name of Mount Rainier to Mount Tacoma (for the U.S.Geographic Board). This took some time, and when I finally

handed it to the Chairman of the proper Committee, he informed me that it would not be published until the reconvening of Congress in the late fall, and must remain until then as a "confidential document".

At present writing, we hope to get away soon after July 5 and to reach Lagunitas as soon as possible thereafter.

Our rains have continued, with many severe thunder and lightning storms. In fact there have been very few days without rain and it has been one of the wettest if not the wettest season on record.

We often speak of you all and wonder how you are and whether you have been to Clear Lake or away on any other trips.

Hoping to see you in the near future, and with love from us all to all of you,

As ever yours,

C. Hart Merriam.

June 28, 1924

Miss Barksdale
Forest Service
Washington, D.C.

My dear Miss Barksdale:

Can you send me two copies of the latest edition of the Forest Service Map of Shasta National Forest? If so, I shall be greatly obliged.

Very truly yours,

C. H. R[illegible]

June 30, 1924

Miss Mildred Ring
Box 45
Requa, California

My dear Miss Ring:

Your letter of the 21 instant is at hand.

So you are the girl whose tracks I have crossed in the Humboldt Bay and Lower Klamath regions a number of times during the past two or three years, but whose identity has till now remained a mystery!

I am glad to hear from you and to know that you are not only interested in working among the Indians but that you have succeeded in obtaining a considerable number of interesting photographs. But I feel helpless in the way of suggestions as to the placing of your results where they would bring a financial return.

You have been fortunate in securing the privilege of photographing Indians in ceremonial dress. Such photographs have real value.

It is not quite clear from your letter whether or not you are doing any linguistic work, and if so whether you are able to write most of the words of the Po-lik'-la or ~~the~~ Lower Klamath tribe, and the We'-yot or lower Eel River tribe, both of which have several distressing sounds and are hard to write. I have worked with

these tribes and also with the Karok on and off for a good many years, and hope to continue working with them.

You cannot reach the Hoo-pah by boat, and in the low water of summer are not likely to get far in the Karok territory, to say nothing of the Shaste which are much higher up, and who I regret to say are now represented by very few individuals.

Just how you expect to go down Smith River is more than I can figure out, unless you go by the road from Grants Pass over the Siskiyous to Gasquet. If you succeed in locating any Indians at Gasquet or anywhere along the upper reaches of the several branches of Smith River, you will do well. But there are plenty of them at the mouth of the river which are easily reached. They belong to the Hah'-wun-kwut tribe.

It is encouraging to note from your article in the February number of 'Camera Craft' that you are able to write interestingly. In this connection, I have only one suggestion to offer, namely: that in writing you stick absolutely to the facts. Unhappily our literature relating to Indians is overburdened with products of the imagination which many writers find it difficult to abstain from using to supplement their scanty facts.

It might be that you could place an article in the 'National Geographic Magazine' if accompanied by a sufficient number of sufficiently excellent photographs. I think the 'Geographic' pays better than most publications.

M.R.--3

The old Indians are passing away so rapidly that the time has almost passed for securing reliable information about the old things--which of course are the things of greatest real value.

I am very late in taking the field this year, but hope to reach my summer base at Lagunitas, Marin County, before this letter reaches you. Shall be glad to hear from you at any time, but expect to be away on field trips much of the time. If I knew your movements, might meet you at some time during the season.

With best wishes,

Very truly yours,

C. Hart Merriam

June 30, 1924

Mr. C. T. Conover
408 Marion Street
Seattle, Washington

My dear Mr. Conover:

Your letter of June 25, received this morning, reminds me that owing to great pressure of work I have not acknowledged your previous letter dated May 28.

I am very glad to know that the Olympia people are about to publish a booklet on the Mount Rainier controversy, and shall await its appearance with much interest. May I ask the favor of two copies, one to be addressed to my office, 1919 Sixteenth St., Washington, D.C., the other to me at my summer base, Lagunitas, Marin County, California?

It is good to know that such a great number of organizations and towns have taken enough interest in the matter to send Congress protests against the suggested change of name.

I wish to thank you also for your meaty pamphlet on the subject.

Very truly yours,

C. Hart Merriam

June 30, 1924

Mr. H. H. Pittman
Wauchope
Saskatchewan, Canada.

Dear Sir:

Your letter of the 13 instant addressed to me at Lagunitas has just arrived, but the parcel containing the skin will be held at Lagunitas until I reach there in about ten days.

In future, when sending specimens for identification, it might be well to address them to the U.S.Biological Survey, Department of Agriculture, so that they would be identified and you would be notified of the result irrespective of my presence or absence in Washington. When in California I am away in the field most of the time and have no collections there for comparison.

Assuming that the photographs you enclosed were for sale as usual and at the usual price, I have retained No. 1707 showing a young of the Northern Jack Rabbit being fed by a child, an interesting picture, for which I enclose $2.00 herewith. The four other prints I am returning herewith.

Very truly yours

Enclosures.

June 30, 1924

Miss Stella M. Drumm
Librarian, Missouri Historical Society
St. Louis, Missouri

My dear Miss Drumm:

Your letter of the 23 instant grieves me. You are not half so disappointed as I am at not meeting. Too bad you were misinformed as to my departure for California. I hope, however, to get away in a few days and to continue ~~the~~ field work among the California Indians until some time in the fall.

If you ever come to Washington again, I hope you will not fail to let me know.

It is good to know that you were successful in finding so many letters of William Clark. I suppose you did not get any clew to the whereabouts of the original of Jedidiah Smith's letter to General Clark.

With best wishes,

Very truly yours,

June 30, 1924

Mr. H. L. Hoard,
Fort Atkinson, Wisconsin

Dear Sir:

Your letter of the 20th instant, like many others I receive, is much easier to write than to answer.

For instance, we know next to nothing about the Big Bear of the Northern Japan Islands, altho the fact that a Big Bear inhabits the Island of Yeso has been known for a long time. It was formerly confused with the Bear of the adjacent Asiatic mainland, but in 1897 was named by Lydekker Ursus yescensis. I have never seen a specimen and have no theory as to its relationships, excepting that Island Bears are generally distinct from mainland species. There is no reason to believe that it could possibly be nearly related to our North American Grizzlies.

You ask "Is the Lion king of beasts, or is our Rocky Mountain Grizzly entitled to that honor"? I fail to picture just what you mean by the figure of speech 'king of beasts', but if size and power are to be the criteria, both the Lion and the Grizzly must give place to the Big Brown Bears of Alaska, which are the largest and most powerful of living Carnivores.

Very truly yours,

C. Hart Merriam

Captain Frederic B. Bassett
Hydrographer, Navy Dept.

June 30, 1924

Dear Captain Bassett:

Herewith I am enclosing copy of a letter to the Geographic Board of Canada. Kindly let me know by phone if you have suggestions for improvement. Will hold the letter till I hear from you.

Very truly yours,

C. H. Merriam

Chairman

Mr James McCormick
Secretary, U.S. Geographic Board
Geological Survey, Washington

June 30, 1924

Dear Mr McCormick:

Herewith I am enclosing copy of a letter I have just written to the Geographic Board of Canada, and shall be obliged if you will kindly let me know by phone what you think of it. Suggestions thankfully recieved. Will not mail the letter till I hear from you.

Senator Robert Stanfield of Pendleton, Oregon, requests that the report of the Board's decisions for "1924" be sent to Miss Anna G. Hall, Librarian Umatilla County Library, Pendleton, Oregon. I have mailed her a copy of the 1923 decisions. Beyond a doubt she would be delighted to recieve a copy of your excellent Index to the Fifth Report, recently issued. This is bound to prove a most useful document. And can you not also send copies to Prof. O.C. Coy, Bancroft Library, Berkeley; Dr Joseph Grinnell, Museum Vertebrate Zoology, Berkeley; and Prof. B.W. Evermann, Calif. Academy Sciences. San Francisco.

I expect to be here for another week; after that Mr Bond will be able to sign the Board's vouchers for printing.

Very truly yours,

C. H. Merriam

Chairman

1919 Sixteenth Street
June 30, 1924

Mr. R. Douglas, Secretary
Geographic Board of Canada
O t t a w a, C a n a d a

Dear Sir:

Referring to your letter of the 17th instant, addressed to Mr. James McCormick, Secretary U.S. Geographic Board, I beg to call attention to certain facts in regard to the personal names proposed by the International Boundary Commission:

(1) The names submitted were about equally divided between Canadians and Americans.

(2) Out of courtesy to Canada, which has no rule against names of living men, all the names of Canadians were adopted.

(3) Most of the names of Americans submitted were of living persons still or recently employed by the Government, and not of marked national or scientific preeminence. Therefore, in obedience to the rule of the Board, they were not adopted.

(4) The Commission, instead of submitting a new list, reiterated with some vigor its request for the adoption of the names previously proposed. This forced the Board either to reconsider and adopt the discarded names, thereby violating its own rule, or to substitute other names. It chose the latter

course, and proposed names of deceased statesmen or of eminent men who had been prominently connected with Alaska affairs. These names were formally adopted by the U.S. Board, subject to approval by the Canadian Board.

It seems obvious from your letter that the Canadian Board labors under a misapprehension as to the function and authority of the U.S.Geographic Board. The function of the Board as defined by the President of the United States is: " the duty of determining changing, and fixing place names within the United States and insular possessions, and it is hereby directed that all names hereafter suggested for any place by any officer or employee of the Government shall be referred to said Board for its consideration and approval before publication".

Referring to your suggestion that our Board "consider an arrangement in the nature of a compromise", would call attention to the circumstance that the U.S. Geographic Board is the only office of the Government charged with changing and fixing geographic names, and that it has no authority to delegate its powers or duties in the matter.

Respectfully,

C. H. Stephenson

Chairman, U.S. Geographic Board.

July 1, 1924

Mr. N. W. Dorsey, Accountant
Smithsonian Institution

Dear Mr. Dorsey:

Herewith is my expense account for June amounting to $21.03, and vouchers for Miss Bonfoey, stenographer, $130.00 and for Zenaida Merriam, assistant, $56.00, which I shall be obliged if you will kindly pay as usual from the Harriman Fund.

I shall be still further obliged if you will send me an advance check of $500.00 for field expenses in California as usual, as I expect to go in the near future.

Very truly yours,
C. Hart Merriam

Encl.

Dr. C. Hart Merriam

1919 Sixteenth Street, Washington, D.C.

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Expense account for June, 1924

June 9	Allen's Press Clipping Bureau, San Francisco Press Clippings on Indians for May	1 2	3 00 2 30
9	1000 White Index Cards (xs)		
10	Virginia Paper Co. 1 Ream Munising Bond	3 4	3 60 68
13	50 Manila Envelopes		
16	F. B. Williams, Allenwater, Canada Photograph of Bear Skull Fetish in tree		2 00 2 50
17	Indian Defense Association, Santa Barbara		15
27	'Camera Craft' (Article on Calif. Indians)		
30	H. H. Pittman, Wauchope, Saskatchewan, Photograph of Plains Jack Rabbit		2 00 1 16
	Postage and Stamped Envelopes		
	Potomac Electric Power Co. Current May 20 to June 20, $5.50. 1/3 =	5	1 83
	Washington Gas Light Co. Gas May 24 to June 24, $4.70. 1/3 =	6	1 56
	Tokens for assistant on errands		25
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C. Hart Merriam

1919 Sixteenth Street
July 3, 1924

Dr. Herbert Putnam
Librarian
Library of Congress

My dear Doctor Putnam:

Herewith I am enclosing the letter we talked about a short time ago, requesting the appointment of Colonel Lawrence Martin as Representative of the Library on the U.S. Geographic Board. If I remember correctly, you were to transmit this letter to the President accompanied by one from yourself.

Very truly yours

[signature]

Chairman.

Encl.

1919 Sixteenth Street
July , 1924

My dear Mr. President:

Colonel Lawrence Martin, a member of the Executive Committee of the U.S. Geographic Board, appointed from the Department of State, has resigned from that Department and has been appointed Chief of Division of Maps, Library of Congress, where he will have charge of one of the largest collections of maps in America.

Colonel Martin is one of the best informed and most useful members of the Government Geographic Board, and his loss would be severely felt. I take the liberty to suggest, therefore, that he be reappointed, as Representative of the Library of Congress. I have talked the matter over with Dr. Herbert Putnam, Librarian, who fully concurs with me in this recommendation.

Respectfully,

[signature]

Chairman, U.S. Geographic Board

The President
White House

July 3, 1924

Mr. J. Rosenburg
Carmacks,
Yukon Territory, Canada

Dear Sir:

The 2 Bear skulls which you shipped last fall have been received. The large one has the base of the skull injured by a big hole, apparently made for digging out the brains. Both skulls are labeled 'Carmacks'. Where were they killed? How far from Carmacks and in what direction?

These skulls are valued at $20. for the two, a check for which will be sent you in a few days from the Smithsonian Institution.

Very truly yours,

C. Hart Merriam

July 3, 1924

Mr. William W. Tibbs
Chitina, Alaska

Dear Sir:

The Bear skull you sent on April 5th, marked 'Meier's Road Mouth', has been received and I am glad to have it. I have valued it at $15. which is more than I usually pay for good male skulls of Alaska Bears.

A check for the amount will be sent you from my account in the Smithsonian Institution in a few days.

Very truly yours,

C. Hart Merriam

July 3, 1924

Mr. C. H. McNeil
Kamishak Bay
via Seldovia, Alaska

Dear Sir:

I have just examined the Bear skulls shipped to the Biological Survey by you last fall (11 in number, including cubs and immature females). The lot is valued at $65. and check for this amount will be sent you from the Smithsonian Institution in the near future.

No letter relating to these skulls has been received from you either by the Biological Survey or myself; in fact the last letter we had was dated 3 or 4 years ago. A letter should always accompany each shipment, giving the data for the skulls.

Owing to shortage of funds, I shall not be able to pay so much for skulls hereafter as in the past.

Very truly yours,

C. Hart Merriam

July 3, 1924

Mr. W. E. Duryea
Dutton
Iliamna Bay, Alaska

Dear Sir:

The skull of a young-adult Brown Bear from Little Bear Bay, shipped by you in April, has arrived. Three other skulls from you arrived in August and September, 1923.

These 4 skulls have been valued at $38. a check for which will be sent you in a few days from the Smithsonian Institution.

Very truly yours,

C. Hart Merriam

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uly 3, 1924

Mr. Fred Phillips
Iliamna
Alaska

Dear Sir:

During the year 1923 two batches of Bear skulls were received from you, one containing two femal s skulls, the other five, all but one of which were youngish females and a cub.

Your skulls give us a great deal of trouble, and as you do not put your name on the tags, the persons who unpacked some of the shipments did not know who they were from. I have just spent some time in the Museum tryin to straighten the matter out. I found 5 skulls set aside as from an unknown sender. These were received in August, 1923, and appear to be skulls shipped by you by freight in April, 1922.

In packing skulls for shipment it is of th utmost importance to label each one distinctly, giving the locality where killed, the sex when known, and your own name.

The 7 skulls received in 1923 are valued at $40. and check for this amount will be sent you in a few days from the Smithsonian Institution.

Very truly yours,

C. Hart Merriam

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July 3, 1924

Mr. Joe Hendricks
Ashton, Idaho

Dear Sir:

The 3 Bear skulls you shipped to the Biological Survey last November have been received, not in very good condition, as you say. The Grizzly is not full grown and is labeled 'Squirrel Meadow, Wyoming. How far is this place from Ashton? I cannot find any such place as Squirrel Meadow on our maps.

The 3 skulls have been valued at $10, a check for which will be sent you fromm the Smithsonian Institution in a few days. I do not purchase any skulls except those of Grizzly Bears.

Very truly yours,

C. Hart Merriam

July 3, 1924

Mr. A. H. Twitchell
Flat, Alaska.

Dear Sir:

Owing to my late return from California and to illness and great pressure of work since, I was not able to go to the Museum until yesterday to examine the Bear skulls of last season's catch.

As I underpaid you in the last settlement, I am allowing a rather long price for the skulls last received, which I trust will be satisfactory. A check for $25. will be sent you from my account in the Smithsonian in the near future.

Very truly yours,

C. Hart Merriam

July 4, 1924

Miss S. P. Barksdale
Forest Service
Washington, D. C.

My dear Miss Barksdale:

Very many thanks for the two copies of the new edition of the Shasta Map just received. I am delighted to see that the main highways are indicated in red on this Map. This will be a real help in field work, showing the best routes to select in reaching various parts of the region.

I expect to travel over several of these routes in the very near future.

Very truly yours,

C. Hart Merriam

July 4, 1924

Colonel Lawrence Martin
19 Summer Street
Adams, Massachusetts

Dear Colonel Martin:

Enclosed herewith is a copy of my letter to the Canadian Geographic Board.

I have written and mailed to Doctor Putnam the letters to the President and Doctor Putnam concerning your transfer and trust that everything will come out all right.

We are rapidly cleaning up the final odds and ends preparatory to leaving for California, and hope to get away by the middle of next week at the latest.

Trusting that you and Mrs. Martin had a pleasant overland trip to Massachusetts, and with best wishes to you both,

Very truly yours,

Encl. C. Hart Merriam

July 5, 1924

Mr. A. O. Campbell
605½ West Main Street
Oklahoma City, Oklahoma.

My dear Sir:

The skull of the Grizzly you killed in the Fish Creek region of Wyoming, September 21st, 1922, and which you were kind enough to send me for examination, proves of considerable interest. But unfortunately, I have not been able to determine it satisfactorily.

The Biological Survey collection of Bear skulls in the National Museum, comprising more than two thousand skulls, was transferred from one set of cases to another during my absence in California, and has not yet been arranged. I have been to the Museum three days for the purpose of comparing this skull with certain others in our collection, but as yet have not been able to locate those with which it is necessary to make the comparison.

I expect to go to California in a few days and am writing to ask if you will allow me to retain the skull until my return in the fall. If you do not care particularly for it, and are willing to present it to the National collection, the authorities of the National Museum and those of the Biological Survey would be greatly obliged, and the specimen would take its place in what is by far the largest and most valuable collection of Bear skulls in the world.

Very truly yours,

C. Hart Merriam

July 5, 1924

Mr. H. H. Pittman
Wauchope
Saskatchewan

Dear Mr. Pittman:

Thanks for your letter of the 20th instant with 8 photographs . Of these I am retaining 4 of the Bat, and am returning the other 4.

Since writing you, the Bat you sent to me at Lagunitas has been forwarded and has just arrived. It is the Silver-haired Bat (Lasionycteris noctivagans).

I am enclosing check for $8. for the Bat prints, and also a voucher for these and the photograph of a young Jack Rabbit for which I sent you a check a few days ago, making $10. in all. Kindly sign and return same so that I may turn it in to my Smithsonian account as a voucher(& send to me at Lagunitas, Cal.)

Very truly yours,

C. Hart Merriam

July 5, 1924

Cashier
Crocker National Bank
San Francisco, California

Dear Sir:

Herewith I am enclosing my check for $400. on the National Metropolitan Bank of this city, which kindly credit to my account.

I expect to reach my summer home at Lagunitas, Marin County, in a few days. Lagunitas will be my address until some time in November, as usual.

Very truly yours,

C. Hart Merriam

1919 Sixteenth Street
July 5, 1924

Mrs. Frederick H. Colburn
737 Sutter Street,
San Francisco, California

My dear Mrs. Colburn:

Your letter of June 27th is before me.

I quite agree with you as to the pressing desirability of naming points in the Mount Lassen region as early as possible, but I do not see how any progress can be made in this direction until we have a reasonably accurate map of the area.

So far as I personally am concerned, I should be very glad to comply with your request to attach the Midoo name for mountain, Ya-mah-ne, to some prominent unnamed butte or peak. Among the different divisions or sub-tribes of the Midoo there are several variants, the commonest of which is Yah-mahn, another, Yah-mah-nim.

But I must confess to astonishment at your statement that it seems ridiculous to you to speak of Indian tribes in California, for even at the present time there are in the State remnants of at least a hundred and fifty tribes speaking different dialects; and if we overlook the matter of dialects it is well known to ethnologists that there are at least two dozen entirely distinct languages differing from one another more than English differs from German. In other words, the remnants of Indian tribes still

living in California represent more linguistic stocks than exist among the various nations of the civilized world.

If your Society can persude the powers that be to make a reasonably accurate survey and map of the Lassen region, you could soon attain the object of your labors.

Very truly yours,

Chairman U.S.Geographic Board

July 5, 1924

Mr. Sam Lopez
Smith River, California

My dear Sir:

When I visited you last fall I promised to write you about the Case of the Indian Board of Cooperation in behalf of California Indians.

A short time ago I called on the lawyers who have the Case in charge (here in Washington) and they told me that the Case would not come up before fall.

I am now leaving for my summer place at Lagunitas, Marin County, California, which will be my headquarters until Novembe.

Regretting that I cannot send you a more favorable report, and with best wishes to yourself and wife,

Very truly yours,

C. Hart Merriam

July 5, 1924

Mrs. Judson G. Osburn
915 N. Lee Avenue
Roswell, New Mexico

My dear Mrs. Osburn:

We were very glad to hear from you and to know that you had had a good rest and visit with your kinfolk in Virginia.

We certainly enjoyed your visit with us and hope it may be repeated. We should be very glad to have Mr. Osburn call at any time when he chances to be in Washington.

At some time when my field work in California is nearing completion we shall be most happy to take advantage of your kind invitation to see you at Roswell.

Vernon Bailey is leaving this evening for Glacier Park to be gone I think about a month.

We have been so delayed that we are still in Washington, but hope to set out for California in about four days.

With kindest regards from Mrs. Merriam and my daughter and with my best wishes,

Very truly yours,

C. Hart Merriam

July 5, 1924

Col. J. A. McGuire
Editor, Outdoor Life
Denver, Colorado.

My dear Colonel McGuire:

Owing partly to severe illness and partly to great pressure of accumulated work, I have been obliged to neglect much of my correspondence, and have not replied to your second letter (of April 15th) in regard to the measurements of skulls of Bears.

In my letter to you of April 10th I think I covered most of the points in question, although I may not have made it sufficiently clear that all measurements of skulls made by naturalists give the distance in a straight line between the points mentioned--never over a curve. Measurements taken around the side or over the top of the skull are absolutely worthless.

There does not appear to be any good reason for changing the method of measuring skulls, for the double reason that current methods have been in use for at least half a century, and that no one appears to have devised any better method.

I am just leaving for my summer place at Lagunitas, California, where I expect to remain until late in the fall.

Very truly yours,

C. Hart Merriam

Was it for fear of religious [illegible] deterred you from publishing [illegible] sister niece of the man Kodiak Bear?

July 5, 1924

Robinson-Codoni Company
San Rafael, California

Dear Sirs:

At last, after several months' delay, I am about to set out for Lagunitas and expect to reach San Rafael on or about the 14th instant.

I shall be greatly obliged therefore if you will kindly put my car (Chevrolet Baby Grand) in shape for the road. Please fill the tank with gas and ask Sparrow Bros. to replace the battery.

Very truly yours,

C. Hart Merriam

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July 5, 1924

Mr. Homer E. Sargent
222 Arroyo Terrace
Pasadena, California

My dear Mr. Sargent:

Your letter of June 27th, forwarded from Lagunitas, reached me about ten minutes ago. We are now packing for Lagunitas (three months late) and hope to reach there on the 14th instant.

I regret that we were away when you called last year.

It is good news to know that you are going on another hunt in the White River and Donjeck country. This happens to be a very important region so far as Grizzlies are concerned, both large and small species occurring there. It goes without saying, therefore, that I shall be mighty glad to see any Bear skulls you are able to secure during the trip.

With kindest regards to Mrs. Sargent and yourself,

Very truly yours,

C. Hart Merriam

July 5, 1924

Mr. Ernest Thompson Seton
Greenwich, Connecticut

Dear Seton:

For a long time you have been on my mind. I wanted to explain why I did not comply with your request to file a subscription for the $100 edition of your 'Game Animals'. The reason is very obvious--at least at this end of the line--as my financial condition does not justify any such expenditure. However, when your book comes out, I shall of course purchase the ordinary edition.

Should you happen to be in California during the summer or early fall, we should be glad to see you at Lagunitas, which we expect to reach in the near future.

With best wishes,

As ever yours,

C. Hart Merriam

July 5, 1924

Dr. F. W. Hodge
Museum of the American Indian
New York City

Dear Doctor Hodge:

Your letter of the first instant reached me only a few minutes ago, just as we are packing for California, where I expect to continue field work until late in the fall.

I fear I cannot help you in regard to the edible larvae eaten by several of the Piute tribes of southeastern California and western Nevada.

The larvae are those of a small flat fly and are called Koo-tsab'-be (often pronounced Koo-zah'-be) by the Mono Lake Piutes.

I have visited the south and southeastern shores of Mono Lake at the time when the Indians were laying in great stores of these larvae which the northwest winds had blown to the opposite side of the Lake, where they had accumulated in amazing quantity, forming actual windrows. Here I have watched the Indians drying the larvae, rolling them between the hands to crack off the skin, and agitate them in the broad snowshoe-shaped winnowing baskets to remove the chaff, which the wind deposited in a haycock-like mound as high or higher than my head and very broad at the bottom.

The Koo-tsab'-be is carefully preserved and is used to enrich and season the usual thick pine nut soup, eaten from bowl-

shaped baskets. The Mono Lake Indians are very jealous of visiting Piutes who come to gather the Koo-tsab'-be.

Because of their fondness for this food, the Mono Lake Piutes are often called Koo-tsab'-be dik'-ka kud'-dy neu'-ma, meaning 'Koo-tsab'-be eating people'.

I have a jar of the material and should be glad to send you some next fall if you care for it. It is very rich and oily and if taken straight affects the roof of the mouth as greasy doughnuts sometimes do. So far as I know, it is never taken by itself except when a pinch or so is put into the mouth for the flavor, which, by the way, is excellent.

I have taken a series of photographs showing the windrows of larvae and the winnowing process and baskets, and the enormous heaps of chaff of the dry skin, and have written a full account of the thing, but so far as I remember have not published anything on the subject. Still, I may have said something about it in an article on California Indian baskets illustrated by photographs, which I wrote by request for 'Everybody's Magazine' a number of years ago but which so far as I am aware was never published.

If you ever come to Washington again at the time of year (usually winter) when I am here, I am sure you would be interested in my detailed maps of the distribution of California tribes and also in my colored photographs of some very remarkable ceremonial costumes.

My address until November will be Lagunitas, Marin Co., Calif.

Very truly yours,

C. Hart Merriam

July 5, 1924

Captain Oliver Applegate
Klamath Falls, Oregon

My dear Captain Applegate:

Some time ago, when in California, I was told that a book had been published by a Captain Rutenic, entitled 'A History of the Indian Wars 1861--1862'. Not being able to locate such a publication, I wrote to Mr. J. C. Rutenic at Klamath Falls, and in reply he tells me that he does not know of any such book, and suggests that I write to you. Apparently my informant gave me the wrong name for the author. Do you know of any book he could have meant? I have Bledsoe's 'Indian Wars of the Northwest' published in 1885, but the title hardly seems to fit.

Last season I had the good luck to run across Elmer when camped for the night in the Richardson Redwood Grove on the Redwood Highway.

Trusting that you and your family are well and with kindest regards and best wishes,

Very truly yours,

C. Hart Merriam

Kindly address reply to Lagunitas, Marin County, California, where I expect to arrive in a few days.

Encl.

July 5, 1924

Mr. E. N. Lafonso
Chico, California

Dear Mr. Lafonso:

As you will see from this, the Merriam family is fearfully late in going to California this year. We had intended to go in March, but severe sickness and pressure of work have kept me here until now. But we are beginning to pack and hope to reach Lagunitas before the middle of the present month.

A short time ago I called on the lawyers who have charge of the Case brought by the Indian Board of Cooperation in behalf of California Indians. They told me that the hearing of the Case had been deferred and that it would not come up in the Court before fall--which delay we all greatly regret.

We expect to drive up Sacramento Valley on our way to points in northeastern California, and if so, shall surely stop at Chico to see you and Mrs. Lafonso and the dear girls.

Very truly yours,

C. Hart Merriam

July 5, 1924

My dear Betty:

Good intentions are all right, but don't go far with girls, therefore I have decided to knock off for a minute and a half in order to acknowledge your several communications and to let you know that you are often in mind.

I quite agree with you that boarding schools are not the most enjoyable places in the world for either boys or girls, but like castor oil and a few other things they seem to be a necessary part of ones bringing up.

As you see, we have been horribly delayed in getting off for California, but hope now to leave Washington not later than the 10th of this month. I wish you were going with us so that you could not only chop and saw our firewood for next winter but also help drive the car through the Redwoods and other interesting places. I would like to test your efficiency as a camp cook in order to judge whether or not your schooling has done you any good!

Your devoted Uncle Vernon sets out today for Glacier National Park to be gone about a month, and later I think he intends to do some Beaver work in the Adirondacks, in which case you may be able to get even with him.

With love to you all,

As ever yours,

Uncle Hart

[illegible] your natural dislike to learn your home to write to an English alphabet. [illegible] this hard on the letter?

July 8, 1924

Mr. N. W. Dorsey, Accountant
Smithsonian Institution

My dear Mr. Dorsey:

Herewith I am enclosing voucher for Miss Bonfoey's services as stenographer and assistant 5 days in July at the rate of $130. per month, $21.67, which I shall be obliged if you will pay as usual from the Harriman Fund, sending check to her address, Sill Cottage, Cornell University, Ithaca, New York.

I am enclosing also 7 vouchers for skulls of Grizzly and Big Brown Bears received since the last Bear vouchers were turned in, and which I shall be obliged if you will kindly pay as usual, as follows:

J. Rosenburg, Carmacks, Yukon Territory, Canada, 2 Skulls	$20.
Wm. W. Tibbs, Chitina, Alaska, 1 Skull	15.
Fred Phillips. Iliamna, Alaska. 7 Skulls	40.
Joe Hendricks, Ashton, Fremont County, Idaho, 3 Skulls	10.
C. H. McNeil, Kamishak Bay, via Seldovia, Alaska, 11 Skulls	65.
W. E. Duryea, Dutton, Iliamna Bay, Alaska, 4 Skulls	38.
A. H. Twitchell, Flat, Alaska, 2 Skulls	25.

Very truly yours,

July 1924

Chesapeake & Potomac Telephone Co.
W a s h i n g t o n D. C.

Dear Sirs:

We are closing our house, 1919 Sixteenth Street, today, and do not expect it to be reoccupied before November. I shall be obliged therefore if you will discontinue the phone until further notice.

Respectfully,

July 1924

Water Department
Municipal Building
Washington, D. C.

Dear Sirs:

I have today closed my house, 1919 Sixteenth Street, for the remainder of the summer, and have turned off the water where it enters the house. No water should be used in the house until my return in November.

Respectfully,

July 1924

Washington Gas Light Co.
411 10th Street
Washington, D. C.

Dear Sirs:

Today I am closing my house, 1919 Sixteenth Street, for the season, and do not expect to return until November. I have turned off the gas where it comes in from the street just before reaching the meter. No gas should be used in my house until my return.

Respectfully,

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July 1924

Potomac Electric Power Co.
14th & C Streets
Washington, D.C.

Dear Sirs:

Today I am closing my house, 1919 Sixteenth Street, for the season, and do not expect to return until November. I have turned off the electric current at the main switch in the basement under the stone steps at the front of the house, and no current should be used until my return.

Respectfully,

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July 1924

Major Daniel Sullivan
Chief of Police
Washington, D. C.

Dear Sir:

Today I am closing my house, 1919 Sixteenth Street, for the season, and do not expect to return until some time in November. I shall be obliged if you will kindly have your patrolmen keep an eye on the house from time to time as they pass.

Should anything occur to require attention, please notify Mrs. Marian Baker, 1905 Sixteenth Street, or E. W. Nelson or Dr. A. K. Fisher, Biological Survey, Department of Agriculture.

My address until some time in November will be Lagunitas, Marin County, California.

Respectfully,

July 17, 1924

Dear Doctor Grinnell:

Your letter of the 6th instant we picked up at Lagunitas postoffice on our arrival day before yesterday afternoon. Would have written you yesterday but had to go to the city on business.

Mrs Merriam and I are very glad that you are coming to see us and hope you can come Tuesday or Wednesday of next week(July 22 or 23) before we set out on a field trip. Bring Mrs Grinnell and as many of the boys as are free to come, and be sure to get here in time for lunch.

Our Zenaida went to Texas on the way west and is expected here today or tomorrow.

It will be good to see you all again.

Very truly yours,
C. Hart Merriam

Dr Joseph Grinnell
Berkeley, Calif.

July 18, 1924

Mr N. B. Hart
Hart Mfg Co.
Danville, Ills.

Dear Sir:

Your's of the 12th instant got here ahead of me.

The transportation charges are pretty steep and it is a pity you have no agency in San Francisco. However, you may send me 3 of your steel folding camp chairs with backs, for which my check for $8.85 is enclosed.

If you ship parcels post, Lagunitas is the correct address, but if by express, address San Geronimo and mail notification to me at Lagunitas.

Very truly yours,
C. Hart Merriam

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July 18,1924

Wild Game Picture Co
Gardiner, Montana

Dear Sirs:

Thanks for the 35 postal photos of Yellowstone Game &c just recieved. Of these, I am retaining 27 and returning 8 herewith.

Am enclosing check for $3.05 in payt for these and for five 5x7 prints which please send me, as follows:

Whitetail Deer No 15
Mule Deer 7, 403, & one like 7 but head low
Buffalo side view with weed in front of foreleg.

A number of the cards have no numbers or other means of identification.

Among the prints retained is one of mountains No. 8o4. Is this the Tetons from Jackson Hole, over Jenny Lake? It looks as I remember them from 52 years ago.

Very truly yours,

C. Hart Merriam

July 23, 1924

My dear Mrs Trotter:

I am disappointed that you cannot come. From what I have been told of your work I am sure you would be a great help to me, and I feel also that you would find the work interesting.

In case you are ever free to come, do not hesitate to let me know, as I am almost always in position to take advantage of an opportunity to secure a competent stenographer-assistant.

Very truly yours,

C. Hart Merriam

Mrs Helen Otis Trotter
5314 Shafter Avenue
Oakland, Calif.

July 23, 1924

Dear Coville:

Sheldon's summer address is Charles Sheldon, Kedgemakooge, Nova Scotia.

Last evening I called on Mrs T across the Bay. She wanted to come, but that big husky man of hers said NO! He said it with promptness and decision, so that ended the matter.

We all wish you were here. In spite of the drought the country looks well, and Zenaida's little orchard and berry patch are in good condition--except for one apple tree which the gophers ate off at the bottom.

Elizabeth has just made a small jar of luscious goosberry jelly from berries Z picked from one of our small-leaf species.

E and Z join in love to you and your family.

As ever yours,

C. Hart Merriam

Dr F. V. Coville
Washington, D.C.

O.&G

July 23, 1924

Dear Mr McCormick:

Your letter of the 18th instant came today. I feel just as you do about those names, but see no help for it. Their places will have to be left blank, as you and Col Martin agree.

Just before leaving Washington I had a very curt line from Douglas, merely acknowledging receipt of my letter--nothing more; no comment of any kind. I meant to send you the letter, but in the rush of closing the house forgot it.

Please send me half a dozen copies of the last batch of decisions.

Very truly yours,

C. Hart Merriam

Mr James McCormick
Secretary, U.S.Geographic Board
Washington, D.C.

July 26,1924

Dear Sprague:

Not knowing how to reach you I am sending this to your Hollywood address. Our late getting away from Washington grew later and later, and we did not reach California till ten days ago.

We are now packing our car for a trip up Sacramento Valley and thence across the northern Sierra by way of Mount Lassen to the Madelaine Plains country and Pit River, and expect to return here about the time you arrive from Alaska--namely on or about August 16.

We shall be glad to see you as soon as you can come, and trust we may take a trip together.

I wish I knew where your ship is going to port, and whether your mother and all of you will be in San Francisco for a few days before going south. If practicable, let me know about this, and in any event plan to come here as soon as practicable after your return.

Very truly yours,

C. Hart Merriam

Mr Sprague deCamp
6617 Leland Way
Hollywood, Calif.

July 26,1924

Dear Mr Hulsey:

Owing to sickness and pressure of work, I was not able to leave Washington till July 10, and did not reach our place till the 16th. We have been having some work done on the car and are hoping to get off on Monday the 28th. Mrs Merriam and my daughter Zenaida will be with me.

We expect to drive across the mountains to Susanville, and then northerly and westerly to Dixie Valley, Hat Creek, and Modess.

Just when we shall arrive at your place I cannot say , but think we ought to be there about August 6.

We hope that you and your wife are well, and are glad that we may see you soon.

Very truly yours,

C. Hart Merriam

Mr William Hulsey
Big Bend, Henderson
Shasta County, Calif.

Lagunitas, Calif.
July 26,1924

Miss Jessie H. Davies, Secretary
California State Historical Assoc.
Doe Library, Berkeley, California

Dear Miss Davies:

Your letter of the 14th instant has been forwarded to me at my summer base--Lagunitas--where we arrived on the 15th.

I am glad that you and Dr Coy were interested in the Index to the Fifth Report of the Government Geographic Board, which I had sent to Dr Coy before leaving. I assumed that you had the full report, but as you have not, I will write at once to our Secretary asking him to mail you a copy.

I am just setting out on a field trip across the northern Sierra to Susanville and the Pit River country, expecting to return about the middle of August.

Very truly yours,
C. Hart Merriam
Chairman U.S. Geographic Board

Lagunitas, Calif.
July 26,1924

Mr James McCormick, Secretary
U.S. Geographic Board
Washington, D. C.

Dear Mr McCormick:

Dr Owen C. Coy, Director Calif. State Historical Assoc., Doe Library, Berkeley, Calif., asks for a copy of the Fifth Report of the U.S.Geographic Board, and I shall be obliged if you will kindly send him a copy.

Very truly yours,
C. Hart Merriam

July 28,1924

Mr H.P.Clements
Gen.Passenger Agent
The Pullman Co.,Chicago

Dear Sir:

Referring to your letter of the 23d instant (File 47391) would state that I showed the Compartment stub in question to the Chief Clerk at the Pullman Office in San Francisco and explained to him that it was necessary for me to send the stub with my July Govt. account in order to be reinbursed for half its cost. He then wrot down the data on the stub to forward to you with my letter and the cash reciept, Los Angeles to SanFrancisco.

I purchased this Compartment of Mr Duval at his Office in the B.& O. main office, Washington,D.C. on July 10, for $66.75. The printing on the left side of the stub reads: Office 11-7 Form 100-1; on the right side(margin) 1266. The stub calls for Comp. F Car 35, Chicago-Los Angeles; Line No. x19.

Trusting that the above information is sufficient,

Very truly yours,

C. Hart Merriam

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C. Hart Merriam

Lagunitas, California

Expense account for July, 1924

1924				
July 9	H.H.Pittman, Photos Bat & Jackrabbit	1	10	00
10	Lower berth, Washington-Chicago	2	8	25
	Compartment, Chicago-Los Angeles, $66. 75 (Half)	3	33	37
	Baggage out, Washn.			65
11	Pullman Porter, Washn-Chicago.25; Hdbaggage Chicago.30			55
	Chicago, Taxi to Field Nat. Hist. Museum			65
14	Porter, Chicago-Los Angeles 75;Hdbag.Los Ang. 30		1	05
15	Porter, Los Angeles-San Francisco			25
	Trunk tr. Townsend St Station to Ferry		1	00
	Hdbag.S.F. .30; Fare SF.-Lagunitas .96		1	26
	Meals en route, Washn-SF (july 11-15)		15	00
	Trunk in, Lagunitas		1	00
16	Duffy Bros, Storage of car, Nov.-July	4	40	00
	Robinson-Codoni Co.Gas 1; Change valve arms $9.	5	10	00
	Sparrow Bros. Storage & care of Battery For Car	6	7	75
	Am.Ry.Express:Chgs on chest of MSS & Vocabs,Washn.	7	12	90
	SanRafael-SanFran & return 60; Street cars .30			90
	Telephone Sacramento,Motor Vehicle Dept.			55
	Auto License plates 1924 (#1,073,137)		3	00
	Meals		2	50
21-22	San Rafael-Alameda & return 96; Street cars 40;meals 3.		4	36
	Cord tire(Mtg Ward & Co) 33x4,$17.88		17	88
	13 gals gas @ 20		2	60
	Allen's Press Clippings for June	8	3	00

tightly bound

	25	Fare, San Rafael-SanFrancisco & return		60
		Street car fares .30; Meals 2.00		2 30
		½ doz. filler pads for small note book&mendg tape	9	1 30
		Robinson-Codoni Co.SanRaf. work on car	10	3 50
		Sparrow Bros:work on ignition & generator &c	11	7 80
		10 gals gas @ 20		2 00
	26	Oil & Labor (Kaempel & Becker,SanRafael)	12	1 25
		Fairfax Garage: Chev. Valve Cover & labor	13	2 25
		Changing tire & tube		50
July	29	[illegible]		3 25
	29	[illegible]		75
		[illegible]	14	5 00
		[illegible]		1 64
		[illegible]		6 07
	30	[illegible]		50
		[illegible]		1 50
	31	[illegible]	15	13 45
		[illegible]		1 [illegible]
				245.

	25	Fare, San Rafael-SanFrancisco & return		2	50
		Street car fares .30; Meals 2.00		2	30
		4 des. filler pads for small note book&mendg tape	9	1	35
		Robinson-Cadoni Co.SanRaf., work on car	10	2	00
		Sparrow Bros;work on ignition & generator &c	11	2	00
		18 gals gas @ 20			
	26	Oil & Labor (Kaenel & Becker SanRafael)	12	2	00
		Fairfax Garage; Chev. Valve Cover & labor	13	2	50
		Changing tire & tube			
July	23	Gas, Rafael: 11 gals gas 2.20; [illegible]		3	25
	27	[illegible] Garage: [illegible]; 2.25			75
		[illegible], Rafael, 2 tires [illegible]	14	5	00
		&/o Hoods: 3 gals gas		1	64
		Rubber, 18 gals gas 3.60; changing engine oil 2.50		6	00
	30	Mutrcel [illegible]: Auto [illegible] charge			50
		Chesbro: 5 gals gas @ 20c		1	00
	31	Sausalito: labor, [illegible] intake &c	15	13	45
		Meals, auto tour 2 da) July 29-31, incl supper [illegible]		12	00
		at Novato & supper & lunch at Mineral auto camp			
				345	00

Retake of Preceding Frame

Lagunitas, Calif.
August 13,1924

Mr William Hulsey
Big Bend, California

Dear Mr Hulsey:

We arrived home last evening, all well, after a very hot trip down Sacramento Valley.

At Redding I went to the Court House and saw the Sheriff. He said that if Grant would serve, he would appoint him. I think he said Grant lives near Burney. And he said that he might send from Redding a man named George Miller, but he would not promise anything positively. So you see I was not very successful.

We had a fine time at your place and got lots of information. We are obliged to you and Mrs Hulsey for the way you treated us. You will hear from us again later.

We hope your Big Meeting will be a great success and wish we could be there.

It is cold here.

Mrs Merriam and Zamaida join in kindest regards to you and Mrs Hulsey and Truman.

Very truly yours,

C. Hart Merriam

August 15, 1924.

Mr. J. Eugene Law,
Altadena Drive
Altadena, Calif.

Dear Mr. Law:

Your interesting letter awaited our return to California. As soon as possible after opening the house we set out on a field trip in Plumas, Lassen, Modoc and Shasta Counties, from which we have just returned with a big stack of much needed information from five tribes of Indians.

Glad you like my address on 'Baird, the Naturalist'.

Obviously you are doing splendid work in making detailed studies of neglected events both in the life histories and plumages of the birds of your region. Sooner or later many of our students will have to do this and it is always good to be at the head of the trail. You express surprise that many of our ornithologists are not doing this same kind of detailed work that you are engaged in, but you of course recognize that the field is so large that there is plenty of need for work along other channels and that in the long run it is well that we are not all acutely interested in exactly the same lines.

I hope your contemplated trip into the San Bernardino Mountains is going to materialize, as you are sure to secure

a lot of interesting material; and the trip itself should prove enjoyable and healthful as well as interesting scientifically to both Mrs. Law and yourself.

With best regards to you both from the three Merriams at Lagunitas,

Very truly yours,

August 15, 1924.

Dr. Omar A. Turney
Phoenix, Arizona

Dear Sir:

Very many thanks for your courtesy in sending me a copy of your interesting pamphlet entitled 'The Land of the Stone Hoe'. It reached me in Washington just before my departure for California and I read it with much interest.

Should I be in your region during the next few years it will give me much pleasure to accept your invitation to call and see your collection of archaeological remains.

Very truly yours,

C.

August 15, 1924.

Mr. R. F. O'Rourke,
315 Flood Building
San Francisco, Calif.

My dear Mr. O'Rourke:

Have you in your stock any extra copies of Out-of-Doors for April, 1916.

This number contained a short article by me on Indian names in the Tamalpais region.

I have no extra copies and have several requests for them. I shall, of course, be glad to pay for them.

Very truly yours,

C.

August 15, 1924.

Miss Stella Clemence
220 Willow Avenue
Takoma Park, Md.

My dear Miss Clemence:

Thanks for your letter of August 1, which we found on our return day before yesterday.

Glad that you had your vacation and that you were able to have the needed cement work done at your new mansion; also that you have been assigned a table in the Congressional Library, but sorry that you fell a victim to another cold.

On the last trip we drove about 900 miles and were more than ordinarily successful, visiting five different tribes and securing the much needed information as to boundary locations. You may also be interested to know that I had the great good fortune to find my old man still alive and vigorous and in the right mood to give me the remaining chapters of History of the Universe, so that I now have the complete story--one of the most interesting and important, I believe, of any ever obtained.

I expect to set out again as soon as the notes from this trip are written up. This, however, will take some little time.

Mrs. "M" and Zenaida join in kind regards and in remembrances to your mother.

Very truly yours,

C. H. Merriam

Lagunitas, Calif.
August 15, 1924.

Miss Ellen Allston
Flat Rock, N. C.

My dear Miss Allston:

Don't conclude that my long silence is due to forgetfulness. You are often in mind among the Merriams and we often speak of the little girl who was too poor to buy rubbers to protect her slippers from the rain and slush but was able to buy an automobile coupe to drive home in!

We have just returned from an auto trip of about 900 miles in Northeastern California in the course of which we worked with five tribes of Indians and obtained an interesting lot of material.

Before we left Washington, your chum ran up to the house in great excitement, announcing that you had become engaged to somebody in your native state. We trust you are both to be congratulated.

We are glad that you have enjoyed one of the privileges of life in the country--the joy of having wild birds nesting close to your house, but, as you have discovered, cats and birds make poor chums. When a cat catches a catbird, the only proper remedy is to amputate her tail immediately behind the ears.

With kindest regards from the three Merriams of Lagunitas,

Very truly yours,

C. Hart Merriam

Lagunitas, Calif.
August 15, 1924.

Mr. C. B. Elliott
Sunset Feather Company
16th and Harrison Streets
San Francisco, Calif.

My dear Mr. Elliott:

On returning from a field trip in Northeastern California, I find your letter dated July 29, awaiting attention.

I am more sorry than I can tell you to learn of your hard luck and wish I were in a position to help you, but unfortunately I am not. Last winter both Mrs. Merriam and myself were seriously sick and my eldest daughter, who came to visit us, developed appendicitis and had to be taken to the hospital to be operated on. After coming home she had an attack of pleurisy and was sick at our house a long time. As a result of all this my expenses were unusually heavy and I had to borrow $500, in order to come out here with my family last month. I am very sorry, as I would like to help you.

We are pained to learn that your little boy is in the hospital. We know what this means. I have been there myself three times during the last three years.

With kind regards from us all;

Very truly yours,

C. Hart Merriam

August 15, 1924.

Capt. O. C. Applegate
Klamath Falls, Oregon.

Dear Captain Applegate:

On returning from a field trip among the Indians I find your letter of July 11 awaiting attention.

Many thanks for your reference to Francis Fuller Victor's History of the Early Indian Wars of Oregon. I have not seen it but will look it up.

We were very late in reaching California this year and I shall be in the field most of the remainder of the season trying to complete my large scale maps of the distribution of California Indian tribes.

It is good to hear from you again and to note that your hand is so steady — more than I can say of my own.

With kindest regards from Mrs. M and myself,

Very truly yours,

C. Hart Merriam

August 15, 1924.

Col. J. A. McGuire
1824 Curtis Street
Denver, Colorado.

My dear Colonel McGuire:

Your letter of July 15 reached me on my recent return from a field trip among the Indians of northeastern California.

The note I sent you about the Misuse of the name Kadiak Bear is enclosed herewith. I have not sent it to any other magazine.

With best wishes,

C. Hart Merriam

Lagunitas, Calif.
August 15, 1924.

Dear Sheldon:

We arrived here on July 15 and set out as soon as possible for a field trip in the Northeastern corner of the state, from which we have just returned. It was a most successful trip, in the course of which I obtained not only the lacking information on the boundaries of the several Indian tribes but also the missing parts of the wonderful history of creation, including the placing of the sun and moon in the sky, and so on, the greater part of which I secured last year. On this trip we ran the car about nine hundred miles and crossed the Northern Sierra twice.

How are you all? We trust you are having a fine season and that Mrs. Sheldon and the children are having a good time and laying in a store of health for next winter.

With love from us all to all of you, as ever

Mr. Charles Sheldon,
Kedgemakooge
Nova Scotia.

Yours,
C. Hart Merriam

August 15th, 1924.

Mr. A. O. Campbell,
605 Main Street,
Oklahoma City, Okla.

My dear Sir:

On returning from a field trip in Northeastern California, I find your letter of July 8, in which you generously agree to present your Wyoming Grizzly Bear skull to the national collection. We appreciate your courtesy and are very glad to add this specimen to the largest and most complete collection of bear skulls in the world.

I do not expect to return to Washington much before the end of the year but after that hope to be able to make the necessary comparisons with your skull.

Very truly yours,

Lagunitas, Calif.
August 15, 1924.

Mr. Frank Bond
General Land Office
Washington, D. C.

Dear Mr. Bond:

You have been in mind ever since we left Washington, but the pressure of work in getting ready for the field and a field trip of about 900 miles by auto in northeastern California have kept me from writing.

I hope you have fully recovered and are now in better health than for many months past.

We found our place looking well in spite of the dryness of the season and have an abundant local water supply.

Our recent trip was most successful. I obtained probably at least a couple of hundred local geographic names and filled gaps on my map showing the boundaries of a number of tribes in the northeastern corner of the state. Incidentally, we crossed the Sierra on the south side of Mt. Lassen and returned by way of Pit River and Sacramento Valley.

With kindest regards and best wishes to Mrs. Bond and yourself,

Very truly yours,

Lagunitas, Calif.
August 15th, 1924.

Mr. James McCormick, Secretary,
U. S. Geographic Board,
Washington, D. C.

Dear Mr. McCormick:

Enclosed are a few letters relating to new appointments on the Geographic Board which you will doubtless want to preserve in your files.

Thanks for the copies of recent Decisions, which I find on returning from an interesting and profitable field trip in Northeastern California.

With best wishes,

Very truly yours,

Lagunitas, Calif.
August 15, 1924.

Colonel Lawrence Martin
Department of State,
Washington, D. C.

Dear Colonel Martin:

The matter of your appointment turned out as we wished with no hitch anywhere along the line. For some reason unknown to me it was forwarded to me here at Lagunitas. I am enclosing it herewith.

I have just returned from an interesting field trip among the Indians of Northeastern California, in the course of which I obtained pages of local geographic names and much other valuable material.

Trusting that you and Mrs. Martin had a pleasant vacation and with best wishes to you both,

Very truly yours,

August 15, 1924.

Col. J. A. McGuire
1824 Curtis Street
Denver, Colorado.

My dear Colonel McGuire:

Your letter of July 15 reached me on my recent return from a field trip among the Indians of northeastern California.

The note I sent you about the misuse of the name Kadiak Bear is enclosed herewith. I have not sent it to any other magazine.

With best wishes,

WHY MISUSE THE NAME KADIAK BEAR?

During the past year there has been a growing tendency among sportsmen, judging from articles in Outdoor Life and other publications, to glorify the name Kadiak Bear and spread it over several widely different species. This has been done a number of times in the case of the great Alaska Peninsula Bear (Ursus gyas) notwithstanding the fact that its skull differs so strikingly from that of the Kadiak Bear (Ursus middendorffi) that the two are easily told apart at a distance of upwards of 100 feet.

If it is a good thing to confuse these species, why not carry it further and call the White-tail Deer, Mule Deer; the Gray Squirrel, Fox Squirrel, and so on? In other words, if the name of one species is to lose its meaning by applying it to other species, how is anybody to know what anybody is talking about?

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C. Hart Merriam

Retake of Preceding Frame

Lagunitas, Calif.
August 18, 1924.

Miss S. P. Barksdale
Forest Service
Washington, D. C.

My dear Miss Barksdale:

Very many thanks for your thoughtfulness in sending me a copy of your new map showing the location of the National Forests, National Parks and Indian Reservations throughout the United States.

It will be helpful to me in my work.

Very truly yours,

August 18, 1924.

Mr. N. B. Hart,
Hart Manufacturing Co.
Danville, Illinois.

Dear Sir:

The folding camp chairs for which I sent payment on July 18 had not reached Lagunitas at the end of the month, when I set out on an automobile field trip of some 900 miles and from which I have now returned.

The chairs are here but I must confess are a great disappointment. The backs tilt so far backward that neither I nor anyone in my family can lean back far enough to touch them. This seems an extraordinary defect. Is there any way by which it can be remedied?

Very truly yours,

Lagunitas, Calif.
August 18, 1924.

Mr. C. T. Conover
408 Marion Street
Seattle, Washington

My dear Mr. Conover:

Thanks for the Olympia Booklet on the name of Mt. Ranier which you were kind enough to send me. It is interesting and very much to the point.

I am forwarding your letter to the Secretary of the U. S. Geographic Board with the request that he send you the address asked for.

Very truly yours,

Lagunitas, Calif.
August 18, 1924.

My dear Miss Bonfoey:

Thanks for the clipping you were kind enough to send.

I have just returned from an auto camping trip of about 900 miles in the course of which I worked with five tribes of California Indians, securing a large amount of important material.

Trusting that your summer school work at Cornell is proving all that you desire and with best wishes from all of us,

Very truly yours,

Miss Faith Bonfoey
Sill Cottage
Ithaca, New York.

August 18, 1924

Dear Grinnell:

On returning from a field camping trip of about 900 miles among the Indians of northeastern California, I find your letter of July 31. It is good to hear from you again and know that you are safely back in the United States. And I am glad also that you liked my address on 'Baird, the Naturalist.'

You may possibly remember that on my map showing the distribution of Indian tribes from the Oregon line to a little South of San Francisco Bay there was a gap in and a little north of the Eagle Lake region. This was the biggest gap on the map and one I have long hoped to fill. During the present trip I worked this region in detail camping with five different tribes and succeeded in securing the needed information.

And furthermore, we camped five days with the old Indian who gave me the account of the origin of the world and the moving of the moon and sun which I told you about last winter, but which lacked certain chapters. This time the old man filled the gaps thus completing the History of the Universe.

It is a wonderful tale--in my judgment the most interesting and important yet obtained from any of our aboriginal peoples.

We still have several field trips ahead of us and hope to accomplish a good deal more before the rains set in.

I hope you succeeded in digging up some old American material while in Spain and trust that Mrs. Grinnell enjoyed the trip.

As ever yours,

Lagunitas, Calif.
August 18, 1924.

Dear Doctor Stephens:

We were greatly disappointed that you all could not come to Lagunitas before your impending departure for Kentucky, but we shall try to see the rest of your family while you and Bruce are gone and hope to see you all here soon after your return.

Our recent trip to northeastern California proved more successful than I had anticipated. I worked with Indians in Plumas, Lassen, Modoc and Shasta Counties and obtained a large quantity of additional material.

The special object of the trip, in addition to the ordinary corrections and additions to vocabularies, was the exact determination of tribal boundaries in the Eagle Lake region and thence north and northwest. In this we were particularly successful. We followed the eastern shore of Eagle Lake northward and incidentally collected a few small shells of several genera for Dr. Dall of the Smithsonian. A few miles north of Eagle Lake we came to Grasshopper Valley--an extensive desert flat about 12 miles in length. Thence we continued northward to Hayden Hill and followed Willow Creek northward to Big Valley--an extensive sagebrush plain in different parts of which we camped, working three or four tribes.

We visited Adin, Bieber, Lookout, Pittville, McArthur, Fall River Mills, Burney, Hot Springs at Big Bend of Pit River,

W. B. S. 2.

Montgomery Creek, Ingot, and so on, down to Redding.

Furthermore, and you will be interested to know this: We camped for five days with the wonderful old man I told you about last year, from whom we had obtained the remarkable story of the moving of the moon and sun from the western ocean to the eastern arctic, but lacked certain chapters to complete the History of the Universe. This we obtained during the present trip. It is I think the most interesting and remarkable story ever obtained from any of our original people.

The only trouble we had was with the car, which is either showing the effects of age or of mistreatment during our absence. On level ground and moderate grades it runs like a deer, but on stiff grades boils and has to be put in second at once--very different from her former behavior on similar roads. I have taken her to four garage men but thus far have failed to diagnose the source of the trouble.

Please give our affectionate regards to your mother, and with best wishes for a successful journey and with love to you all from all of us,

As ever yours,

Dr. W. B. Stephens,
1250 Bay Street,
Alameda, Calif.

Lagunitas, Calif.
August 18, 1924.

Dear Florence and Vernon:

Since my hasty note written after our return I have been too busy to write. I didn't forget Florence's birth but at that time was working with Indians on the Big Valley Desert.

Big Valley surely is a windy place and we saw more dust-whirls there than all I have ever seen in Arizona and elsewhere put together.

We made a few camps in the Ponderosa Pines but most of them were in the open sagebrush desert; and when we reached Sacramento Valley we quit camping, as the temperature ran from 103 to 107 and we were heading south losing no time by the wayside. I forgot to say that on the way north we saw a big white heron in the rice fields near Williams.

You asked about investment of funds coming in from the Potomac Electric. I would advise consulting George W. White, President of the National Metropolitan Bank. He is always in a position to obtain 6% mortgages and you might put half or two thirds in mortgage and the remaining third in one good bond, possibly the Washington Railway and Electric.

Glad to see your article on 'Duck Eclipses'—clearly and interestingly written. You put the reference on this but forgot to enter it on the other articles you enclosed.

Vernon's letter from Belton about the Sierra Club's outing is most interesting, but he was a bad boy to do so much walking in a day. I hope it did him no harm.

F & V B 2.

It was great that he saw so many species of mammals and birds at such close quarters; and it must have been a fine thing for the Sierra Club people to have such a guide and interpreter.

Am still working on notes from the last trip and shall be for some days to come, as I made a big catch.

We are expecting Sprague de Camp most any time now and if he can stay long enough I will take him on the field trip.

We are expecting also a visit from Fred Mitchell who is coming from Texas to Yosemite and other places in the coast region.

Dr. Stephens and Bruce are just setting out for Kentucky to spend a few weeks with the Doctor's mother.

With love to you both,

As ever,

— Harry

Lagunitas, Calif.
Aug 18, 1924

Dear Coll and Flo:

On returning from our field trip in northeastern California a few days ago, we were glad to find your interesting letters, but sorry to know that Simon Frank is having such a hard time in raising money to pay for the Collins farm. I supposed that he had laid up a fair fortune from the milk checks and other crops of the Collins farm. Maybe he has been investing in oil stocks--with the usual results.

Sad news about Clint you have given us. It breaks me all up.

It is good that Lyman was able to spend so much time up there, the more particularly since he could work at surveying in the out-of-doors. I suppose he has returned to Ossining before this.

We are rejoiced to know that Flo is home again and that her knee is so much better and that she is able to navigate, even at a no over-rapid pace.

You speak as if there is a Moose River Power Company which may purchase Lyman's holdings. What a splendid thing this would be if they are able and willing to pay what his power sites are worth!

Our last trip was splendidly successful. Zenaida

and I drove the car about 900 miles, crossing the northern Sierra immediately south of Mt. Lassen (volcano now quiet) and visiting the Indians in Honey Lake Valley near Susanville and thence northward by way of Eagle Lake to Big Valley, Adin, Bieber, Fall River Mills, Big Bend, Pit River, and so on down to the northern end of the Sacramento Valley at Redding. Worked in five different tribes and secured an immense quantity of information; among other things obtained the missing chapters of the History of Creation, which I think I read to you and Flo last winter.

Just as soon as my notes are written from this trip we expect to start north again, but to other parts.

With love to you all from all of us,

Affectionately, Hart

August 18, 1924.

Dr. H. H. T. Jackson
U. S. Biological Survey
Washington, D. C.

Dear Doctor Jackson:

A letter just received from J. Rosenberg of Carmacks, Yukon Territory, gives the missing data for the two grizzly skulls received from him some time last year.

The larger of the two, stated to be a male, was killed on or about December 1, 1920, half a mile south of Carmacks.

The small one, entered as a female, was killed October 10, 1918, two miles south of Carmacks; both killed by J. Rosenberg.

With best wishes,

Very truly yours,

August 18, 1924

Mr. J. D. Cochran
Barkerville
British Columbia

My dear Sir:

Please pardon my long delay in acknowledging receipt of the bear skulls sent since our last settlement. I was very sick last winter and spring and when I went to the Museum to attend to the bear skulls found that some 2000 of them had been packed tightly in trays with no key to the whereabouts of those from any particular locality, so it was a big job to locate the skulls. Since then I have been working in the field in northeastern California and have just returned to my summer headquarters at Lagunitas.

The three grizzly skulls received this year are valued at $20.00 to which has been added the $2.61 you paid in transportation charges. A voucher for this amount has been prepared and the check in payment should reach you early in September.

Regretting the delay, and with best wishes,

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Very truly yours,

C. Hart Merriam

Just home from an arctic camping field trip in which I covered 900 miles in the canoe of which I walked 5 times & brought back a splendid lot of material, including exact timber boundaries of the regions previously blank on my maps. — CHM

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The three grizzly skulls received this year are valued at $20.00 to which has been added the $2.61 you paid in transportation charges. (Invoice 22.4) A voucher for this amount has been prepared and the check in payment should reach you early in September.

Regretting the delay, and with best wishes,

Very truly yours,

C. Hart Merriam

Retake of Preceding Frame

August 18, 1924.

Dear Clint:

On returning from an auto camping trip among the Indians of northeastern California, I find letters from Coll and Florence telling me that your legs have given out.

It is needless to say how badly we all feel about this. I suppose it is an outcome from the fearful injury to your neck when your car bumped into a ditch in New York several years ago. I have always wondered that you came out so apparently well after such a terrible accident.

And now as we are both getting toward the shady end of life various things happen and must be expected. I have had the luck to come out from my several operations and troubles in pretty fair shape and am still hoping for a few more years of active field work, though I cannot walk far or climb mountains,or ride horseback, but I can drive a car and do good work with the Indians.

We have just returned from a most interesting and profitable bit of field work in the northeastern part of the state in the course of which I worked with five different tribes and drove the car about 900 miles. I was able to locate several intertribal boundaries that previously formed gaps on my map of California tribes.

And after finishing the map work and vocabulary work with the tribes in question, we drove over a horrible mountain road to the home of an old Indian, whom I first visited 17 years ago and with whom I have done a lot of work since. I had obtained from him more than half of the History of Creation and of the Universe, as told by the old chiefs of his tribe, of which he is the last. This time he told me the missing parts so that I now have the complete history, the most interesting and wonderful tale I know anything about.

In counting up the time spent in writing down this story at different periods, I find that it has taken just 13 days. It certainly is worth it.

On the way,we visited Burney Falls, one of the most beautiful falls in the world,and from there went to the Big Bend of Pit River, where people were catching large trout. I never stop to fish, but have no objection to the fish when they come on the table properly cooked.

During the whole trip the nights were cold--some very cold; but the days varied from warm to hot. On the sagebrush plain deserts the wind was something to be remembered, and sand-whirls moving in various directions and extending upward 1000 feet or more, were so numerous and frequent that we often saw half a dozen at one time and sometimes greater numbers. On the way home we had to drive down the Sacramento Valley for about 300 miles with the temperature from 103° to 107°, from which we plunged into the Bay climate in which we

live, with a mid-day temperature of 65° falling to 50-55° at night.

Crested bluejays, California woodpeckers and coast chickadees are in the redwoods, madrones and other trees close to our house; and yesterday we watched a deer a few rods away. It started to walk away on one of our trails but changed its mind and looked back, turning its head square back over its shoulders, and stood still for a surprisingly long time looking at us, as we stood in the door.

For years I have hoped that you and Hetta might spend some time with us here, although I have always feared that it would be monotonous as there is not much hunting or fishing in the neighborhood.

As soon as I finish writing up the results of the last trip I expect to set out on another. We were very late in coming this year and consequently are likely to be driven in by the rains before my field work is finished.

With love to you both,

As ever, Hart.

Dr. Clinton L. Bagg
Greenboro, Vermont.

August 19, 1924

Dear Doctor Coy:

Some time ago you asked me for a copy of the 'California Out of Doors' for April, 1916, which contains a short article by me on Indian names in the Tamalpais region. I have just secured a copy from the Secretary of the Tamalpais Club and am enclosing it to you herewith.

We have just returned from an automobile field trip of some 900 miles in the northeastern part of the state, in the course of which I worked with five different tribes and obtained pages and pages of Geographic names, and also the information needed to fill certain gaps on my map of tribal distribution.

With best wishes,

Very truly yours,

C. Hart Merriam

Dr. Owen C. Coy
Bancroft Library
Berkeley, California.

August 19, 1924.

Professor A. S. Hitchcock
Bureau of Plant Industry
Department of Agriculture
Washington, D. C.

Dear Professor Hitchcock:

Herewith I am enclosing a specimen of grass which the Pit River Indians call Chawle 'Grain Grass' and which they say they have always used for food. Will you be good enough to give me its name.

Very truly yours,

C. Hart Merriam

August 29, 1924

Dr. W. Barcley Stephens
Paris, Kentucky

Dear Dr. Stephens:

We were glad to have your letter of August 20, mailed at Sacramento.

As to the Walter Reed Hospital, I fear I cannot help you. The Senior Doctor Borden, (William Cline Borden) who drew up the original plans for the hospital, but who is now retired, is probably out of the city on his summer vacation. The same may be true of his son, Surgeon Daniel Borden, whose office is in the Rochambeau Apartments on Connecticut Avenue just north of H Street. I do not think he is connected with that hospital, but if in the city, he could doubtless put you on the right track. I do not think of anyone directly connected with the hospital at the present time.

It is good to know that your contract for the Alameda Hospital was actually signed before you left. This must be a load off your mind, although I suspect that you will feel it necessary to keep an eagle eye on innumerable details as the building progresses.

Dr. W. Barcley Stephens
#2 August 29, 1924

We are glad to know that you have made the Eagle Lake trip and are familiar with that part of the state.

The trouble with our car proved to be in the timing of the ignition. As soon as that was properly adjusted, we came home over Whites Hill on high.

I expect to start north on another field trip in three or four days, but have not yet made final choice of two or three much needed pieces of work.

Doubtless you and Bruce are putting in the time to excellent advantage, and we hope that you are having a rest that will do you both good, but we regret exceedingly that your visit in Washington comes at a time when we cannot be there to welcome you.

With kind remembrances from us all to your mother,

As ever yours,

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Lagunitas
California

August 29, 1924

Mr. James McCormick, Secretary
United States Geographic Board
Washington, D. C.

Dear Mr. McCormick:

Many thanks for your letter of August 23 which I found on my return last evening.

Acting on your suggestion, I have today written to the Director of the Census suggesting that he request the President to appoint a representative of the Census on the Geographic Board in place of the late Mr. Sloane. I did not know until receipt of your letter that a geographer had been appointed in the Census Office.

Very truly yours,

C. H. [illegible]

August 29, 1924

Mr. William M. Steuart
Director of the Census
Washington, D. C.

Dear Sir:

May I call your attention to the vacancy on the United States Geographic Board caused by the death of Mr. Charles S. Sloane, who for a long period of years was Secretary of the Board? If his successor as Geographer of the Census has been appointed, I would suggest that you ask the President to appoint him as a member of the Geographic Board.

Respectfully,

Chairman
United States Geographic Board

August 29, 1924

Mr. F. N. Newbert, President
Fish and Game Commission
Sacramento, California

Dear Sir:

The July number of "Fish and Game" contains so many articles of interest in connection with my work that I should be greatly obliged if you will kindly send me another copy.

For the same reason I would appreciate an additional copy of the preceding issues, as I like to keep a perfect copy of each number on file and have one to cut up to file under special article headings.

Yours very truly,

C. Hart Merriam

August 29, 1924

Mr. R. L. Deering
U. S. Forest Service
San Francisco, Calif.

Dear Mr. Deering:

Do you happen to know the location of a mountain once called the Kentucky Mountain in the Mount Lassen region? There is another Kentucky Mountain at the junction of Salmon River with the Klamath, but that is not the one to which I refer.

What is the name of the Ranger at Adin in the northeastern corner of Big Valley? I did not see him personally, but during a recent trip he was very kind to my daughter and sent me a much needed map of the Modoc National Forest, for which I had neglected to ask before starting.

Can you send me two copies of the Modoc map?

Has the Forest Service such a thing as a contour map of the eastern part of the Modoc Forest and the northeastern part of the Lassen Forest?

Yours truly,

C. Hart Merriam

August 29, 1924

Dr. Owen C. Coy
Director California State Historical Ass'n.
Doe Library
Berkeley, California

Dear Dr. Coy:

Thanks very much for your letter of August 25.

You are entirely right about the slip in my article on Indian names in the Tamalpias region. The article was written as a chapter in a much more comprehensive article (not yet published) on 'Indian names in Northern California,' in consequence of which I stupidly omitted the word "northern" before California.

Thanking you for calling my attention to the matter, and with best wishes,

Very truly yours,

C. Hart Merriam

August 29, 1924

Mr. Ernest Thompson Seton
Greenwich, Conn.

Dear Seton:

Your statement that there will be no ordinary edition of the Big Mammal Book amazes me greatly. I had supposed that the expensive edition was a small one with extra broad margins such as many kranks krave for their book shelves, but which are always a nuisance to the user of books; but inasmuch as the ordinary man is to receive no sympathy from you or your publisher, I appear to be up against it, and fear you will have to put me down for the rich man's edition, although I look with horror on the expenditure of so much money for a necessary book.

With best wishes,

As ever yours,

C. Hart Merriam

August 29, 1924

Mr. R. F. O'Rourke
Tamalpias Conservation Club
317 Flood Building
San Francisco, Calif.

Dear Mr. O'Rourke:

Very many thanks for your courtesy in sending me additional copies of the April, 1916, number of "California Out of Doors" containing an article of mine on Indian names in the Tamalpias region. These copies will be very useful, as I have had a number of requests for the article.

Very truly yours,

C. H. [illegible]

September 1, 1924

Miss Mildred King
Box 45
Requa, California

Dear Miss King:

On returning from a most interesting and profitable field trip in northeastern California a few days ago, I found your letter of August 1 awaiting attention. You doubtless have had a splendid trip up the Klamath River, and I am wondering if by this time you are at Hoopa or Orleans. In any case you are of course finding plenty of work along the way.

I hope you will succeed in witnessing the jump dance at Pek-wan. I should like mightily to see it. But as a rule the more important ceremonial dances on the Klamath and in Hoopa Valley are not given until after the rainy season is well underway, and I am likely to back in Washington.

You are most fortunate in having an Indian friend who has taken records of ceremonial songs. Your generosity in offering to give me one for the Smithsonian Institution is highly appreciated, and I shall, of course, be very glad to see that it is delivered to the person in charge of the musical records in the Bureau of Ethnology.

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I was so late in arriving this year (middle of July) and have so many places to visit, that it is impossible to say at this time when I will be able to reach Klamath River. If I am able to make the trip, I will write you as long in advance as possible.

Thanking you for your letter,

Very truly yours,

C. Hart Merriam

September 1, 1924

Mr. Frank Bond
3127 Newark Street
Washington, D. C.

Dear Mr. Bond:

Your letter of August 22 came yesterday, and it goes without saying that I was mighty glad to hear from you and to know that you are getting on so satisfactorily. It is fine that your strength has already returned so that you are able to put in full time at the office, even if you do find the home couch pretty comfortable evenings.

As to Board matters: Colonel Marten's appointment from the President was forwarded to me out here, and I returned it to Colonel Marten, who has just acknowledged its receipt, so that matter seems to be satisfactorily disposed of.

What you tell me in regard to the friction between the Board of Survey and a certain individual with whom our Board has had experiences, is most interesting!

I am just finishing the writing up of materials from my last field trip and hope to get off on another in a day or two.

With kind regards to Mrs. Bond and yourself,

As ever yours,

C. Hart Merriam

September 1, 1924

Dear Florence and Vernon:

Dr. W. Barclay Stephens and his son Bruce are now visiting their mother at Paris, Kentucky, which is their address. They are going to Washington in the near future and then to New York for a few days before returning.

If you are to be at home, you had better write the Doctor at Paris.

Vernon will be interested in the enclosed note regarding Buffalo in the Eagle Lake region. If I am ever in that region again, I will try to verify it by other Indians. If not, someone else will have to undertake the job.

If practicable, let me know beforehand when you expect to go to Lyons Falls. I would like to send the carbons of a few Indian tales and other matters, and possibly a map or two, for safekeeping as early as possible.

As ever,

Hart

September 1, 1924

Mr. Ernest Dawson
c/o Dawson Book Shop
627 South Grand Avenue
Los Angeles, Calif.

Dear Sir:

Thanks for your letter of August 18 transmitting your interesting catalogue of Californiana. In it I find many titles of interest, some of which I already have, others, too costly for my purse.

I should be obliged if you will kindly send me No.31. Caballeria(Rev. Father Juan) "History of San Bernardino Valley from the Padres to the Pioneers."

Very truly yours,

C. Hart Merriam

September 1, 1924

Prof. A. S. Hitchcock
Bureau of Plant Industry
Department of Agriculture
Washington, D. C.

Dear Prof. Hitchcock:

Very many thanks for your kindness and promptness in giving me the name of the specimen of grass (Bromus orcuttianus) sent you a few days ago.

With best wishes,

Very truly yours,

C. Hart Merriam

September 1, 1924

University Press
Berkeley, Calif.

Dear Sirs:

I shall be obliged if you will send me with bill for same at the above address "The Game Birds of California" by Joseph Grinnel and others; and by the same authors, a recent work on the Natural History of Yosemite Valley, the exact title of which I have not at hand.

Very truly yours,

September 1, 1924

Hudson Book Company
25 West 42d Street
New York, N. Y.

Dear Sirs:

Thanks for your catalogue No. 76. From it I shall be glad to purchase, if not already sold, No. 125, Speeches on the Passage of the Bill for the Removal of Indians, delivered in Congress in 1830. Boston: 1830. $2.50. Kindly send with bill to the above address.

Very truly yours,

Sept. 1,1924

Mr N. W. Dorsey, Accountant
Smithsonian Institution
Washington, D.C.

Dear Mr Dorsey:

Herewith I am handing you my expense account for August, amounting to $262.78. It includes, you will see, the purchase of an Underwood Typewriter (my old #7 Remington being worn out), and the employment of two stenographers for five days each at $5 per day. With it I am sending two other vouchers: one for Zenaida Merriam, assistant, of $84; the other for J.D. Cochran, Barkerville, British Columbia, for $22.61 for Grizzly Bear skulls.

My last auto field trip of some 900 miles proved as expected a rather severe one, much of it being over terrible roads, but it resulted in clearing up several cloudy spots in my work and in filling the largest blank spaces in my map of the tribal boundaries of California Indians, and also in securing vocabularies of 3 dialects not previously obtained.

Kindly send salary and expense account checks from Harriman fund to me at Lagunitas until further notice.

Very truly yours,

C. Hart Merriam

Lagunitas, California

Expense Account for August 1924

Aug. 1	Susanville, Calif. Pd Indians (S.Evans & E. Lowry)		3 50
1	Susanville: Lassen Garage bill	1	3 15
2	Adin: 6 gals gas @.30		1 80
	Big Valley: Fred Wilson (Indian) Vocab. services		1 00
4	Big Valley: Robert Rivis " " " 2 days		9 00
	Big Valley: Billy Quinn " " "		3 00
5	Fall River Mills: 8 gals gas @30		2 40
7	Big Bend: Hot Spgs Hotel, Rooms, self & asst (Z.M.)		3 00
10	Big Bend: Steplis & wife (Indians) Vocab work, 4 days		24 00
11	Redding: 10 gals gas @23, 2.30; Oil & grease 75		3 05
	Tire mending 75; Phone 30; present Indians 1.30		2 35
12	Arbuckle Hotel, Rooms self & asst (Zenaida Merriam)	2	4 00
	Arbuckle Garage, car over night 50; grease 25; 10 gas 2.10		2 85
	San Rafael: 12 gals gas @ 20		2 40
	Camp & Hotel meals self & asst 12 days Aug 1-12 incl.		30 00
13	½ doz. Stenographer's Notebooks	3	75
14	Fare, SanRafael-SanFran & ret 60; Street cars 35		95
	Underwood Typewriter	4	52 50
	Fare of Stenographer, SF-SanRafael 42; meals 2.80		3 22
	Marsh & Biddle: Photo work & Fountain Pen	5	11 90
15	Am.Ry.Express: Chgs on Underwood Typewriter from SF	6	59
19	Allen's Press Clippings for July	7	3 00
	Geraldyn White, services as Stenographer 5 days	8	25 00
	RR fare of Stenographer Lagunitas-SanFrancisco		96
21	SanRafael: Sparrow Bros: Adjusting Ignition of car		2 00
26	Fairfax Garage: Changing engine oil, alemiting, labor	9	4 55
27	Fare San Anselmo-SanFrancisco 42; Street cars 30		72
	San Francisco: Meals		2 25
28	" Beads for Indians	10	1 75
28	" Street car fares 40; meals 2.50		2 90
28	" Cartwright Hotel, Room	11	3 00
28	Fare S.F.-Sausalito, self & stenographer		36
28	Sausalito Garage, car over night		50
29	Calif. State Auto Assoc. Dues & maps to Sept. 1925	12	(Half) 6 00
29	Caballeria, History San Bernardino County		2 00
	Postage & stampt envelopes in August		2 38
Sept 1	Barbara Greene, Stenographic services 5 days @5	12	25 00
	Board of stenographers at Lagunitas 10 days (August 14-19 and Aug 28-Sept 1, incl) @ 1.50		15 00
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Sept. 2, 1924

Mrs Edna Lowry
Box 757, Susanville
California

As soon as practicable after my return from my recent trip in Lassen and Modoc Counties, I went to San Francisco and tried to find your daughter Viola.

I went to the address you gave me , Apt. 8, 1760 Pacific Avenue, and saw the young woman where Viola had worked before she went away. She went to Oakland to see the other girls from Susanville, and decided to stay at Oakland or Berkeley.

The woman at Pacific Avenue did not know her Oakland address. Doubtless you have heard from her long before this.

Very truly yours,

Sept.1,1924

Marsh & Biddell
712 Market Street
San Francisco,Calif.

My dear Mr Marsh:

I asked you to send your August statement promptly at the end of the month, so I could pay it before setting out on another field trip. It has not arrived. But I have 3 unpaid bills as follow:

Aug. 16	$ 3.50	
19	14.30	
30	9.60	$27.40

I assume that this is correct and am enclosing herewith my check on Crocker Bank for $27.40

Very truly yours,

C. H. Merriam

Sept.3,1924

Mr Robert Rivis
Adin, California

My dear Sir:

The photographs I took of you and Mrs Rivis came out good, but the one of your son was light struck. He will remember that the film stuck so I could not wind it. I had a hard time getting it out, and when it came out it was spoiled.

Am sending the prints to you by this mail, but suppose you are at or near Anderson now. I forgot to ask your Anderson address.

Mrs Merriam and my daughter join in kind regards to you all, and we hope to see you again sometime.

Very truly yours,

Sept.3,1924

Capt. Oliver C. Applegate
Klamath Falls, Oregon

Dear Captain Applegate:

Can you tell me whether or not the Modoc Indians ranged easterly as far as the west side of Goose Lake?

A Piute from the Fort Bidwell region told me that his people held a narrow strip on the west side of Goose Lake, but I hardly believed him.

I am trying hard to complete my map of the distribution of Indian tribes in California and every now and then run across a snag.

With kind regards,

Very truly yours,

Sept 4, 1924

Mr A. W. Bramhall
U.S.Forest Service
Adin, California

My dear Sir:

Your kindness in sending me (by my daughter) the Modoc maps was greatly appreciated, and I should have called on you in person but for the pressure I was under to finish work in Big Valley in time to meet another engagement.

Have you ever heard the name Kentucky Mountain applied to any mountain in Lassen or Plumas county? I think it is an old name, long since abandoned. At one time I thought it applied to McGee or Castle Mt.

Very truly yours,

Chairman U.S. Geographic Board

Sept.4,1924

Mr R. L. Deering
U.S. Forest Service
San Francisco, Calif.

Dear Mr Deering:

Thanks for your letter of yesterday and accompanying two copies of the quarter inch Modoc map.

I am delighted to know that you have nearly ready for distribution a large scale contour map of the eastern Modoc and Warner Mountain region, and shall be greatly obliged if you will kindly send me two copies as soon as issued. I have just done a lot of work in that region and have secured a large number of Indian geographic names in several dialects, so that I am badly in need of a large scale map for platting results.

I have the Geological Survey sheets of which you speak.

Very truly yours,

Sept. 6,1924

Mr William Hulsey
Big Bend, Calif.

Dear Mr Hulsey:

Here are the photographs of Mrs Hulsey and yourself. Those I took at our camp in the evening are poor--not enough light; but those taken in the morning are fine.

Yesterday Mrs Merriam sent a parcels post package of odds and ends to Mrs Hulsey. Anything of no use she can chuck in the ditch.

We hope your Big Time was a great success. Wish I could have been there.

We have just finished packing our car and start in about a minute for Round Valley and upper Russian River.

We are greatly obliged to you and Mrs Hulsey for making our stay at your place so pleasant. We hope to see you here next month when you come to SanFrancisco.

With kind regards and best wishes from us all to both of you and the little boy,

Very truly yours,

C. Hart Merriam

Sept.12,1924

University Press
Berkeley,Calif.

Dear Sirs:

In compliance with my request of Sept.1, you promptly sent me the Game Birds of California and Animal Life in Yosemite, but omitted to send bill.

I shall be obliged if you will kindly send bill, and also two copies of a rather recent paper by Dr Pliny Goddard on the 'Wailakke'Indians, adding these of course to the bill.

Very truly yours,

C. Hart Merriam

Sept.15,1924

Miss E.M.Kline
899 Green Street
San Francisco

My dear Miss Kline:

On returning from a field trip I found your letter of September 8. I went to the city next day but did not know how to find you, as you gave no phone address and I was not there over night. I may go again in a few days and could see you at the time you mention (between 1 and 2) if I knew how to call you up. I rarely know beforehand when I am going to town, and very rarely stay over night.

Very truly yours,

C. Hart Merriam

Sept.15,1924

Dear Miss Eastwood:

Many thanks for your promptness in giving me the name of that Umbellifer--Carum kelloggi.

And, by the way, Pit River has only one t, the name having been given because of the pits dug by the Indians to catch deer.

I was very glad also to know that the plant used as an antidote for poison is a Sidalcea.

Very truly yours,

Miss Alice Eastwood
Academy of Sciences
San Francisco, Calif.

September 21, 1924

My dear Miss Clemence:

Your interesting letter of August 29 arrived while I was absent in the field.

I am very glad to know that you have had unusually good success of late in unearthing publications of interest to us--such for instance as another letter of Jedediah Smith, and the long sought Pinart Studies of California Indians, etc.

It is a long journey from the northern Piute country to the Bitter Root River, but DeSmet would hardly have applied the term 'Pavouts' to the northern Shoshones, particularly since he mentions the Snakes.

Since writing you last I have been at work in the Round Valley region and have obtained a number of additional rancheria names from the so-called Wylakke. I wrote the University Press at Berkeley asking for two copies of Goddard's recent paper (from which you extracted so many names) but they replied that this was not a University publication. So my memory seems to be at fault and I don't know how to get hold of the paper here.

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Enclosed is a list of books which may be worth looking up. Am also enclosing check for the $1.40 which you paid for carbon paper.

Trusting that your success may continue and with best wishes from us all,

Very truly yours,

C. Hart Merriam

Miss Stella Clemence
220 Willow Avenue
Takoma Park
Maryland

September 21, 1924

Mr. James McCormick
Secretary, United States Geographic Board

Dear Mr. McCormick:

Returning recently from another field trip, I find your letters of September 13 and 15 enclosing correspondence from R. Douglas, Secretary of the Geographic Board of Canada.

They are a trifle late but "better late than never", and I think all members of the Executive Committee will be glad to know that the Canadian Board has at last approved our Boundary names.

With best wishes,

Very truly yours,

C. Hart Merriam

CHM:EM

Chairman

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Lagunitas, California
September 21, 1924

The Honorable W. M. Steuart
Director of the Census
Washington, D. C.

My dear Sir:

Your letter of September 5 came while I was absent in the field; hence my delay in replying.

I am very glad to know what you tell me about the qualifications of Clarence M. Batschelet for the position of Geographer of the Census and have no hesitancy in renewing my suggestion that you ask the President to appoint him as representative of the Department of Commerce on the United States Geographic Board.

Very truly yours,

C. Hart Merriam

Chairman, U. S. Geographic Board.

CHM:EM

Lagunitas, Calif.
September 21, 1924

Honorable Samuel E. Cook
House of Representatives
Washington, D. C.

My dear Mr. Cook:

Your letter of August 27 forwarded from Washington reached my summer base in California during my absence on a field trip, hence please pardon delay in replying.

Your constituent, Professor A. S. Thomas of Peru, Indiana, is in error in his statement that the National Geographic Magazine and News Bulletins are published by the Government. They are published by the National Geographic Society (in no way connected with the Government) and therefore not available for free distribution.

Very truly yours,

C. Hart Merriam

Chairman U. S. Geographic Board

CHM:EM

September 21, 1924

Captain O. C. Applegate
Klamath Falls, Oregon

Dear Captain Applegate:

Very many thanks for your kindness in replying to my inquiry about the Modoc south of the California-Oregon boundary.

There are two other questions I would like to ask you: One is, how far east the Modoc extended on the Oregon side of the line? The other, where was the aboriginal boundary between the Modoc and Klamath tribes, and how far east did the Klamath Indians extend?

I am assuming that there are still old Indians living in your neighborhood who could give you this information.

With best wishes,

Very truly yours,

C. Hart Merriam

CHM:EM

September 21, 1924

Mr. Alfred C. Gillis
Indian Board of Co-operation
3 City Hall Avenue
San Francisco

Dear Mr. Gillis:

Thanks for your letter of the 17th instant. I thought that you would be pleased to know that we had changed the name of Black Butte west of Mount Shasta to Wintoon Butte.

I am obliged for your information about the coming Indian Festival at San Francisco September 30 to October 5. I am just now setting out on another field trip but hope to be back in time to give at least a couple of days to this affair which, it goes without saying, will be of much interest to me.

With best wishes,

Very truly yours,

C. Hart Merriam

CHM:EM

September 21, 1924

Mr. George E. Johnson
Kansas State Agricultural College
Manhattan, Kansas

My dear Mr. Johnson:

Replying to your letter of the 12th instant forwarded from Washington, would say that on my return to Washington in November or December I shall be very glad to send you duplicate copies of a considerable number of my publications on mammals.

With best wishes for success in your new field.

Very truly yours,

CHM:EM

C. Hart Merriam

September 21, 1924

Dr. Philip King Brown
Medical Building
San Francisco

Dear Dr. Brown:

Thanks for your letter of the 17th instant. We were late in arriving this season (mid July) and are very busy in field work. We have already accomplished a good deal in Plumas, Lassen, Modoc and Shasta Counties and recently returned from Round Valley and Mendocino County. Just now we are packing for a trip into the Ponderosa Pine belt of the Sierras and before returning are likely to do a little work in the foothills west of Sacramento Valley.

A little later I hope to have a day or two in San Francisco and shall be very glad to accept your invitation to see Mr. Hugo Goldsmith's Indian baskets.

Very truly yours,

C. Hart Merriam

CHM:EM

September 21, 1924

Professor William E. Ritter
Whitecotton Hotel, Berkeley
My dear Professor Ritter:

Replying to your letter of the 19th instant, which arrived this morning, would say that practically all Indians have names for the great majority of species of animals and plants inhabiting the regions in which they live. They also know a great deal about the uses of food plants and medicinal plants and have much to say in the way of heriditary lore, which often passes from observed fact to mythical tradition in such manner that it is ~~often~~ hard to draw the line between fact and fiction. I have collected a vast amount of material of this kind, most of which is stored away at Washington, but so far as I remember, have as yet published very little. If I live to complete this part of my work, I hope to publish a volume on the Ethnobotany of California.

I have recently returned from some interesting field work in northeastern California and I am just setting out on another trip. Later on, when we are at home, we should be very glad to see you at Lagunitas.

With best wishes,

Very truly yours,

CHM:EM

C. Hart Merriam

September 21, 1924

Dear Florence and Vernon:

Glad you saw Dr. Stephens and Bruce and had them for dinner. Dr. and Mrs. Stephens spent the day with us here yesterday.

It is good that you are finally up in the Adirondack country and that Julia is there also.

The newsabout Clint is certainly depressing and I fear the outlook is dark.

Our last trip was over the mountains to Round Valley in Mendocino County . Our next, on which we start day after tomorrow, is in the Ponderosa Belt of the Sierra east of Oroville--Feather River country. On the way back, if not caught by rain, I expect to do a little work on Sacramento River and also in the foothills west of the Sacramento.

With love to you all, as ever,

Hart

CHM:EM

September 21, 1924

Captain Lyon DeCamp
Thendara, New York

Dear Lyon:

What has become of your family? The last I heard from Sprague was a long time ago. He was going with his mother to Alaska to be gone until August 16. We did not reach California until two or three weeks after they had gone. On July 26 I wrote Sprague a letter (of which a copy is enclosed) but have had no reply. I had hoped that he could make one or two field trips with us before returning to school. What has happened to the family? Are they no longer at Hollywood or at the old address?

We have had two very interesting and fruitful field trips among the Indians in the northern part of the State, and are just now on the point of setting out on another trip. Our fall rains have not yet begun and we hope they will hold off until our return.

Doubtless you are as busy as ever and we trust that you are having excellent success.

You, of course, have heard the sad news about Clint. His outlook seems mighty gloomy.

As ever,

Yours,

CHM:EM

September 21, 1924

Mr. F. Kermode
Director Provincial Museum
Victoria, British Columbia

Dear Mr. Kermode:

Your letter of August 29, forwarded from Washington, reached me on my return from a field trip in California.

I am interested in what you tell me about your creamy white bear, but the photographs you were kind enough to send were not forwarded and will be waiting my return to Washington. I shall be glad to see them. It is interesting to know that you have actually obtained a live specimen and that it has dark brown eyes and no black hairs.

With best wishes,

Very truly yours,

CHM:EM

September 21, 1924

Doctor H. C. Bryant
Fish and Game Commission
Museum of Vertebrate Zoology
Berkeley, California

Dear Doctor Bryant:

Many thanks for your courtesy in sending me extra copies of California Fish and Game, a publication abounding in information of interest in connection with my work.

Very truly yours,

CHM:EM

Oct. 12,1924

My dear Miss Ring:

When I wrote you last I hoped to see you in the Klamath country before heading east, but have had so much to do among Indians of other parts of the state that it is now certain that I cannot make it this year.

Mrs Merriam, my daughter Zenaida and I expect to leave Lagunitas for Washington about the end of October. Should you by any chance visit the Bay region before then, we should be very glad to see you; and if you will drop me a line I would try to meet you in San Francisco.

Doubtless you have had a most interesting season.

With best wishes,

Very truly yours,

C. Hart Merriam

Miss Mildred Ring
Requa, California

Oct. 16,1924

Dear E.W.:

On driving home in the rain from a trip north yesterday, I found your letter of the previous day. We all are glad to know that you are on the proper side of the continent, and trust that the rain did you no harm.

We expect to start east about the end of the month and want to see you here first.

Never mind about the grapes; they must be wet anyhow, and we cant see why you should supply the Merriam family with luxuries.

E and Z join in "very best" and have set their minds on pointing out several things to you before we go.

As ever yours,

C. Hart Merriam

Oct. 17,1924

Mr Edward Denny
674 Sacramento St.
San Francisco,Calif.

My dear Sir:

Please send me, with bill for same, one copy each of your maps of Mendocino and Sonoma Counties, same scale.

Very truly yours,

C. Hart Merriam

The Santa Rosa sheet was not among the 'Tactical' map sheets you sent me a short time ago. If you have it, please send.

Oct.17.1924

Mr R. L. Deering
U.S. Forest Service
San Francisco, Calif.

My dear Mr Deering:

The latest large scale (½ inch) Forest Service map I have of the California Forest is dated 1917. If you have a later edition I should be glad of 2 copies.

Has the contour Map of eastern Modok been issued yet? I am eagerly awaiting its appearance.

Very truly yours,

C. Hart Merriam

October 19, 1924.

Capt. O. C. Applegate
Klamath Falls, Oregon

Dear Capt. Applegate:

Very many thanks for your letter of September 26 which I find on returning from a recent field trip. I am very glad of the information you give me concerning the division of territory between the Klamath and Modoc tribes. I infer from what you say that the Klamath tribe had no place among the tribes of California. In other words, that they did not extend south of the Oregon line.

As to the bears: While I have published a number of papers on bears, all of them have been technical, my popular work being not yet ready for the press. However, I take pleasure in sending you by this mail a copy of my Review of the Grizzly and big Brown Bears of North America, although you will hardly find much of interest in so technical a treatise.

Several years ago I set aside work on my popular books in order to finish work on which I had been engaged incidentally for many years, namely, work on a book on the tribes of California, illustrated with colored maps showing the actual boundaries of the various tribes. I began

Capt. O. C. Applegate

this work thirty or more years ago, and owing to the rapid decrease of the Indian population, came to realize that the outstanding data must be gathered at once or not at all. This work is now nearly complete and I hope to publish, during the coming year, a large scale general map showing the distribution of California tribes.

With best wishes and many thanks for your kindness,

Very truly yours,

C. H. [illegible]

October 19, 1924.

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Very truly yours,

C. Hart Merriam

October 19, 1924.

Mr. S. L. Hoffman
Santa Barbara, California
Dear Mr. Hoffman:

Your letter of July 7 was forwarded from Washington and reached me duly.

My article to which you refer entitled "The Cruelty of Forced Allotments in California" was sent to The Forum by request of the editor, and so far as I am aware, has not yet been published. I have written the editor, Mr. Leach, to return the article in case he does not publish it.

Another matter: some of the newspapers have recently mentioned a meeting in San Francisco of what seems to be a northern division of the Indian Defense Association. I have not received any notice of such meeting which seems singular if a northern branch of the association has been organized. I believe that I am a member of good standing, and therefore, entitled to receive notices of meetings.

During the present season I have accomplished a good deal of much needed field work among

Mr. S. L. Hoffman-

Indians in the northern part of the State, as a result of which the map on which I have been engaged for more than thirty years on the distribution of Indian tribes in California, is nearly ready for publication.

With best wishes,

Very truly yours,

Lagunitas, California
October 19, 1924.

Honorable John W. Weeks
Secretary of War
Washington, D. C.

My dear Sir:

Your communication of August 5 (G-2/10566-17) announcing the designation of Lieutenant-Colonel Girard L. McEntee as representative of the War Department on the Geographic Board has been forwarded to me from Washington.

The manner of this appointment is somewhat irregular, since appointments to the Board from the fourteen Government departments and offices are made by the President. I beg to suggest therefore that you ask the President to appoint Lieutenant-Colonel McEntee as representative of the War Department on the Board.

Very truly yours,

Chairman
U. S. Geographic Board

Lagunitas, California
October 19, 1924.

Mr. Jas. McCormick, Secretary
U. S. Geographic Board
Washington, D. C.

Dear Mr. McCormick:

Returning from a recent field trip I find your letters of October 2 and 3, and also a copy of a letter from the Secretary of War announcing the designation of Lieutenant-Colonel Girard L. McEntee as representative of the department on the Board. I have written the Secretary of War calling his attention to the irregularity and suggesting that he ask the President to designate the representative of the War Department, copy of which is enclosed; and I am enclosing also a letter from Major J.R.D. Matheson, Office of Chief of Engineers, suggesting the name Biscayne River for a water way connecting Dumfoundling Bay with Biscayne Bay, and copy of my reply. So far as I am aware the suggestion seems to be a good one.

I expect to return to Washington early in November and to be there in time for the November meeting of the Board.

Very truly yours,

Lagunitas, California
October 19, 1924.

Major J. R. D. Matheson
Corps of Engineers
Washington, D. C.

Dear Sir:

Your letter of October 4 suggesting that a water way connecting Biscayne Bay with Dumfoundling Bay be named Biscayne River will be referred to the Executive Committee of the U. S. Geographic Board at its next meeting, which will take place early in November. The matter will then be brought before the full Board for action and you will be notified of the decision.

Very truly yours,

Chairman, U. S. Geographic Board

October 19, 1924.

P. D. Hanson, President
Forestry Club
1918 Napa Avenue
Berkeley, California

Dear Mr. Hanson:

Replying to your letter of the 17th instant, I regret to say that it will be impracticable for me to give a talk before your association. I am engaged in field work and have just returned from a trip north and expect to go again in a couple of days. After returning from the next trip I expect to go back to Washington at once.

If I were younger I should be glad to comply with your request, but now I feel it necessary to complete my field work at the earliest possible moment and to spend the remainder of the time in preparing the results for publication.

Very truly yours,

October 19, 1924.

Mr. Charles E. Johnson,
State College of Forestry,
Syracuse, N.Y.

My dear Mr. Johnson:

Replying to your letter of the 4th instant forwarded from Washington would say that I have made no observations concerning the lower dead branches of cedars in the Adirondacks since I published my "Mammals of the Adirondacks" in 1884. I do not remember what I said about this but I must have had what I believed to be sufficient evidence.

Very truly yours,

October 19, 1924.

Professor W. E. Ritter
Hotel Whitecotton
Berkeley, California

My dear Professor Ritter:

I am just back from a trip in the north, driving home in the welcome rain.

Thanks for the tempting invitation from yourself and Mrs. Ritter to eat with you at the hotel some time. We should be very glad to do this if it proves practicable. But I still have one or two field trips ahead and must return to Washington on or about the end of the month, so you will see we have a pretty full schedule ahead.

With kindest regards to you both,

As ever yours,

October 19, 1924.

Dear Sprague:

Your letter of the 14th instant has just arrived. I regret very much that you were not able to come here before your school work began as I was counting on a field trip with you.

You asked my advice as to what college you should go to but did not say whether you intend to stick to California or go East. Personally I have a very high opinion of both Stanford and the University of California, although both have grown so large in recent years that the important element of personal touch with the professors must be largely a thing of the past. If you are aiming to become a naturalist I think you would find the biological course at Stanford better adapted to your needs than similar courses in other universities. Most of the colleges now a days teach microscopic work on tissues rather than practical natural history.

We expect to return to Washington in about two weeks.

Very truly yours,

Mr. Sprague de Camp
6617 Leland Way
Hollywood, Calif

October 19, 1924.

Dear Lyon:

Thanks for yours of the 8th instant which I found on returning in the rain from a recent field trip. I also received yesterday a letter from Sprague which I am answering by this mail. It is too bad he did not come here, as I had hoped to take him on a field trip.

The omission of the letter referred to was the result of a temporary and very green stenographer.

I had not known that the virgin hardwood of the Adirondacks is dying out. Your explanation may be the correct one but I should want to study the problem first hand before arriving at a conclusion.

We expect to return to Washington in a couple of weeks and hope to see you there at some time during the winter.

With kindest regards in which Mrs. Merriam and Zenaida join.

Very truly yours,

Capt. Lyon de Camp
Thendara, N.Y.

October 19, 1924

Mr. Henry Goddard Leach, Editor
The Forum
247 Park Avenue
New York

My dear Mr. Goddard:

Your letter of August 15 forwarded from Washington reached me on my return from a field trip in the northern part of the State.

In regard in my article entitled "The Cruelty of Forced Allotments in California" sent you on May 5 in response to your request, would say that since the article was written the Secretary of the Interior has put a stop to allotment of Indian land in southern California. In case you publish the article this fact should be stated. Otherwise I think no change will be necessary. If you do not print the article kindly return it to me at my Washington address, 1919- 16th Street.

Very truly yours,

October 19, 1924.

Major E. A. Goldman,
U. S. Biological Survey,
Washington, D. C.

Dear Major Goldman:

Thanks for your letter of October 9 about the skull of a black bear sent to the Biological Survey by E. J. Hamacher, White Horse, Yukon.

I do not know anything about this skull and am not in the habit of purchasing skulls of black bears, leaving these with other animals to be attended to by the Biological Survey. The only skulls I remember to have ever ordered from hunters and trappers are those of grizzly bears and big brown bears of Alaska.

The rains have set in out here and I have nearly finished the field work for the season so that I expect to return in early November.

With best wishes to you all,

Very truly yours,

October 19, 1924.

Dr. F. V. Coville
U. S. Dept. of Agriculture
Dear Dr. Coville:

Returning in the rain from a recent field trip in northern California I find your letter of September 29 awaiting attention.

It would give me much pleasure to comply with your request to slice into the biggest of California gooseberries--but the season is too late and I have nearly completed field work for the present year. The size you mention,7/8 of an inch in diameter,will be hard to beat even in California and none of this size grow in our immediate region.

Glad to hear the good news of your boys.

One more field trip will probably wind up my field work for the season and we hope to return to Washington about the first of November.

With best wishes to you both in which Elizabeth and Zenaida join.

As ever yours,

October 19, 1924.

Mr. Billy Logan
Mooretown, California.

Dear Mr. Logan:

The photographs I promised to send you are enclosed herewith. I think they are very good and I hope they will please you and your wife.

I was very glad to know you and am obliged for the information you gave me. I hope to see you again some of these days.

With kind regards to yourself and wife.

Very truly yours,

Enclosure

October 19, 1924.

Mr. Lewis James
Lagoda, California

My dear Lewis:

The prints of the photographs I took of you just before you left have arrived and I think they are very good. One set is enclosed herewith. The other set I am keeping for myself.

I have examined the camera carefully and did not find that it has suffered from the ordeal.

We were all very glad to have you with us. We enjoyed your visit very much and miss you every day. If all goes well I hope to see you again next year. Meanwhile I wish to thank you for the information you gave me.

I have made one trip north since you left and drove back in the rain. I hope to set out on another trip tomorrow or the next day.

Mrs. Merriam and my daughter Zenaida join in kindest regards and best wishes.

Very truly yours,

Enclosure

October 19, 1924.

My dear Miss King:

Your promptness and the rapidity of the mail service surprise me, your letter of October 17 having arrived today.

You certainly have done a good season's work and your account of it is most interesting. But I regret that we shall not have the pleasure of seeing you here before we return to Washington, which is likely to be about the end of the month.

You ask about worth while regions for your next trip. Personally, I should not think of either Alaska or Canada but of some place nearer home. Have you thought of the Pit River country where many Indians still exist, although not living exactly in primative conditions; and there are still many things worth while finding out about the Piute tribes in Nevada and southern Utah.

Girls are notorious for asking questions difficult of answer and I see you are no exception to the rule. I should be glad of an opportunity to talk freely to you in regard to the matter of which you speak concerning the Board of Cooperation, but it is difficult to say much on paper. This much however may be said. The Board in question, under

the leadership of Rev. F. G. Collett, took a delegation of Indians, a couple of years ago, in the hope of influencing Congress to permit the Indians to bring suit in the Court of Claims. This permission was not granted, but it is possible that the next Congress, with new chairmen in the House and Senate Committees on Indian Affairs, will view the matter differently.

The other effort, which is wholly different, is a suit brought against certain officers of the Government in connection with the occupancy of certain Indian lands; said occupancy (as in the Klamath Karuk case) being without visible title of ownership on the part of the Government. This method of attempting to obtain compensation to the Indians originated with lawyers Col. Wise and Capt. Bonnin in Washington. They have prepared a formal document for presentation to the Court in the District of Columbia. The Judge who was to try the case died early last spring and his successor had not been appointed when I left Washington. It was expected however that the case would come up for trial in October (the present month). On my return to Washington in the near future I shall find out whether or not the case has come up, and if not, when it is likely to be tried.

The cost of this case, as I understand it, is $10,000, of which I have been told $2,000 had been paid the

lawyers up to last June or July.

The Board of Cooperation has visited various parts of the State for the purpose of collecting funds and one hears all sorts of rumors as to the amount collected. Of this I have no personal knowledge.

Like yourself, I am continually questioned in regard to this matter and find it a very difficult one to answer. The outlook seem to be that we shall soon know the result of the Karuk land case. The matter of the Court of Claims bill is still in abeyance, but I fully believe that public sentiment in favor of the Indians is growing so that in the near future it will be possible to obtain the permission of Congress to bring the case in the Court of Claims.

Very many thanks for the two interesting photographs enclosed in your letter.

Wishing you the best of success in your work and hoping to see you next season,

Very truly yours,

E. H[illegible]

Oct. 27, 1924

Dear Miss Langlois:-

On returning in the rain from a field trip among Indians of Lake and Mendocino counties I found your letter of the 22d inst.

It is raining steadily here now but I expect to go to the City in two or three days and will call you up to arrange an interview. It is impracticable to write in advance as to the exact day for the reason that I shall not know long enough ahead to reach you by mail before my arrival in San Francisco.

Very truly yours

C. Hart Merriam

Miss Edna Langlois
Colonial Hotel
650 Bush Street
San Francisco, Calif.

Nov.1, 1924

Mr E. W. Dorsey, Accountant
Smithsonian Institution

My dear Mr Dorsey:

Herewith I am enclosing (in two envelopes) my expense accounts for September and October, as follows: Sept. $219.50; Oct. $162.15, and Zenaida Merriam, assistant, $70.

Please hold checks until my return to Washington, which I hope will be in the near future.

Until the rains began a short time ago I have been too much rushed to make out the accounts. During the last trips I was caught by the rains and in both cases had to drive home in drenching storms--and one in the night. But I had great good luck, discovering old women of two tribes believed to be extinct, and obtaining vocabularies and geographic and natural history material from both.

And furthermore, I persuaded the Indian Lewis James (of a tribe unknown to the ethnologists) to let me bring him to Lagunitas where I worked him for 12 days under unusually favorable conditions.

Very truly yours,

C. Hart Merriam

C. Hart Merriam

Lagunitas, California

Expense account for September 1924

Sept 2	Marsh & Biddell: Photo work, Bill of Aug.16			3	50
	" " " " " Aug.19		1	14	30
	" " " " " Aug.30			9	60
4	Allens Press Clippings for August		2	3	00
5	SanRafael: 6 gals gas 1.20; 1gal oil 1.20; battery 55			2	95
	" " New tube for tire 3.70; mend old tube 75		3	4	45
	Beads for Indians 50; eraser 10				60
	Roadhouse meals, self and asst @ $2			4	00
6	Willits: Auto camp 50; 8gals gas 1.92; work on tire 1			3	42
6-9	Round Valley, Mendocino County: Paid Indians:				
	Fred Major $7.50; Nancy Doty 4.50				
	Wylakke Tip 3.00; his old sister 1.50			16	50
9	Round Valley: Spurlock's Auto camp 3 nights @25				75
	Willits: 10 gals gas $2.40; tire vulcanized 75			3	15
	Camp meals 4 days (Sept 6-9 incl) @ 1.35 each			10	80
Ukiah 10	Palace Hotel: Rooms, self and Asst (Z.Merriam)		4	5	00
	Ukiah garage, Car over night 50; work on starter 75			1	25
	Hotel meals en route, self & asst @2.			4	00
	Cloverdale Garage, new inner tube and changing tires			4	75
12	SanRafael: Sparrow Bros, Repairing & cleaning starter		5	5	60
	7 gals gas			1	40
15	Fairfax Garage: Alamiting car & changing engine oil		6	4	80
18	Univ. Calif: Game Birds Calif. $6; Animal Life in Yosemite, $7.50; postage .14		7	13	64
20	Subscription, Game Breeder to Oct 1925			2	00
22	Asst. sent to SanRafael & SanFrancisco: ret. fare 60; baggage 10; Street cars 20; meals $1.30			2	20
	13 gals gas @20			2	60
	Robinson-Codoni Co. New front spring for car $4.50; labor $2.50		8	7	00
	Ethel Matthews: Services stenographer 2 days @4; return week-end fare San Francisco to Lagunitas		9	9	00
	Board of stenographer 2 days @ 1.50			3	00
23	Trip up Sacramento Valley; Dinner & supper self and asst (Z.Merriam) at hotels en route			3	50
				5	00
24	Meals at hotels en route, self & asst		10	5	50
	Colusa, Hotel Riverside: Rooms, self & asst			2	65
	Garage, car over night 50; 10 gals gas @21½ 2.15		11	3	85
	Oroville: Changing engine oil & greasing car			2	50
25	Near Mooretown: Camp meals, self & asst @1.25			3	00
	Pd old Indian Wm Logan, Vocab work			5	00
26	Meals at hotels, self & asst @ 2.50			1	94
	9 gals gas @ 21½ at Colusa				
27 & 28	Colusa & Kahchil, Paid Indians: Geo Bill 2; Lewis James 2; old Tony Bill and others 4.50, services			8	50
				4	00
28	Kahchil: Food contribution to Ind festival (L6)			10	00
27 & 28	Colusa & Napa: Meals at hotels, self & asst		12	10	00
26- 28	Colusa, Hotel Riverside, Rooms self & asst				80
29	Greasing Universal and Transmission			8	00
29 & 30	Lewis James (Indian) Vocab work 2 days @4			2	60
26 - 28	Colusa Garage: Car 2 nights 1; work on tire 1.				
				219	50

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219.50

C. Hart Merriam

1919 Sixteenth Street, Washington, D.C.

Expense Account for October 1924

Oct	2.2 return fares,SanAnselmo-SanFrancisco (self and Indian Lewis James) @ 60			1 20
	2 admissions Indian ceremonies(several Calif. tribes)			1 00
	Meals(self & Indian) 3.50; street cars 60			4 10
	11 gals gas, San Anselmo @ 20			2 20
3	Banfield-Hullinger Co. Photo work			2 55
6	E.Denny & Co. 52 Tactical maps $7.80;postage 26	1		8 06
7	Allens Press Clippings Bureau: Clippings for Sept	2		3 18
8	SanRafael: Battery.25; 10 gals gas 2.	3		2 25
10	Lewis C. James(Indian),services 12 days @ 4.	4	48 00	
	2 fares,Sausalito-SanFrancisco (self & Indian)			36
	Meals 2.65; Street cars 60			3 25
	RR ticket,SanFrancisco-Arbuckle (for Indian James)			4 14
11	SanFrancisco:Meals 2; Street cars 40			2 40
	Cartwright Hotel,Room			3 00
	Sausalito Garage,Car over night	5		50
14	Sebastapol: Pd Mrs Loleet Johnson(Indian)			2 00
	Pd another Indian			1 00
15	Santa Rosa:Occidental Hotel,Room			2 50
	10 gals gas 2; Garage,car over night .50	6		2 50
	Changing engine oil,greasing, and adjusting brakes			3 20
14&15	Meals Sebastapol and Santa Rosa			4 00
16	Banfield-Hullinger Co. Photo work			7 70
17	" " " " "	7		2 31
18	Edward Denny & Co. Maps	8		1 15
		9		

19	Cecile Daly:Services stenographer 5; RR fare 1.	10		6 00
22	San Rafael: Changing & mending 2 tires & work on car			3 00
	En route north: Meals 1.65; 5 gals gas 1.05			2 70
23	Ukiah: Palace Hotel,Room	11		2 00
	2 Garage, car over night .50; meals 2.			2 50
	Pd Kiyowbah Indian old woman $4; fig bars childrn60			4 60
24	Upperlake: Riffe Hotel, room over night & bkfst			1 50
	" Garage, Car over night 50; lunch 60			1 10
	Pd Indians: Old Chief John & son F.M.John			6 50
	Late supper at Ukiah			75
25	Ukiah,Room Palace Hotel	12		2 00
	" Garage,Car over night 50; Oil 50;Gas 2.15			3 15
	Pd Old Indian Boyah chief 1; meals 2; Gas en route 2)			5 00
31	Fare, SanRafael-SanFrancisco & return			60
	Street cars 35; meals 2; telephones 15			2 50
	Changing engine oil & welding fender			3 00
	Stampt envelopes & postage, October			1 30
Aug. 27	Belated bill for box Carbon paper for Miss Clemence	13		1 40
				162 15

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C. Hart Merriam

Nov.1, 1924

Dear Mrs Harriman:

It is a long time since I wrote you last. I have felt that you did not share my belief as to the relative importance of the several lines of investigation on which I am engaged, and for this reason have been exerting myself to the utmost to complete the more urgent parts of my work with the California Indians so that it might be published during the coming winter, thus liberating more time for the Natural History work.

For a number of years I have felt that the most valuable contribution I am able to make to the sum of human knowledge is the publication of a large scale map of California and Nevada, with appropriate text, showing the boundaries of the areas possessed by our native peoples prior to the confiscation of their lands by the Whites.

In view of the vast amount of research work that has been done in studying the aboriginal inhabitants of Europe and Asia, it seems strange that so little has been accomplished in ascertaining the names and boundaries of the tribes of the western parts of America. For it is a fact that there is not in existence today anything approaching an accurate detailed map of the tribes, subtribes and principal towns of these people.

In other words, the knowledge that should form the groundwork of American history is not yet on record.

Much good work in ethnology has been published, but very little of it relates to the problems I have been studying.

I began work among west coast Indians more than thirty years ago, and during the years that have passed since you so generously established the Harriman Fund for my investigations I havegiven increasing attention to the subject.

Among the difficulties early encountered were those relating to the number, names, and home regions of the various tribes, and the still greater difficulty of actually finding living members of each. And only the old people possess the necessary knowledge of the old things.

Owing to the circumstance that the Indian population of California since the coming of the Whites has decreased by about two hundred thousand, and that a number of tribes have become extinct, it has been necessary for me to visit the remotest and most inaccesible parts of the state to search for survivors. In doing this I have traveled by team, by auto, and on horseback upwards of a hundred thousand miles. This has been hard work for a man of my age, but I have been rewarded by the discovery of several tribes previously unknown.

During the present season I have made a special effort to clean up the outstanding areas and have succeeded in filling practically every gap of any size on my map--in doing which I have driven 4 thousand miles over all sorts of roads and came near losing the car in a forest fire at night. However, "All's well that ends well", and this season's work has so nearly completed the field work that I expect to publish during the winter a colored map of northern California, from Monterey Bay to the Oregon line, showing the tribal boundaries.

Last winter I was greatly handicapped in work on the Bears for the reason that the Museum is so overcrowded that I was unable to find a place where such large specimens could be arranged for study.

Am expecting to return to Washington in a few days.

With love to you and the girls,

November 26, 1924.

The President
The White House

My dear Mr. Coolidge:

This is to acknowledge your courtesy in notifying me of the appointment of Lieutenant-Colonel Girard L. McEntee, General Staff, United States Army, as representative of the War Department on the United States Geographic Board.

Very truly yours,

Chairman, U.S. Geographic Board.

M/k

November 26, 1924.

The Honorable
The Secretary of War

My dear Mr. Weeks:

Thanks for your communication of the 20th instant stating that you have requested the President to designate Colonel McEntee as a member of the United States Geographic Board, vice Lieutenant-Colonel Bruce Palmer, General Staff, relieved. I have also received from the White House under date of November 21, notice that Colonel McEntee has been so designated by the President.

Thanking you for your attention in the matter,

Very truly yours,

Chairman
United States Geographic Board.

November 26, 1924.

Hon. Nicholas J. Sinnott
Committee on Public Lands
House of Representatives

My dear Sir:

Returning to Washington from the season's work in California, I find on my desk a copy of the Report of United States Geographic Board on S. J. Res. 64, A Joint Resolution To Change The Name of "Mount Rainier" to "Mount Tacoma" And For Other Purposes.

If you have them to spare, I shall be obliged if you will kindly send me 150 copies addressed to 1919 Sixteenth St.

Very truly yours,

C. Hart Merriam

Chairman, U.S. Geographic Board.

M/k

November 26, 1924.

Hon. Carl Hayden
House of Representatives

My dear Sir:

Replying to your letter of the 24th instant, just received, I am enclosing herewith a copy of the report of the United States Geographic Board in regard to the proposed change of name of Mt. Rainier; and am returning also the letter and circular which you enclosed.

Very truly yours,

C. Hart Merriam

Chairman, U.S. Geographic Board.

Enclosures.

M/k

November 26, 1924.

Mrs. Lillie G. Hoyt
C/o Entz & Rucker
222 East Fifth St.
Los Angeles, Calif.

Dear Madam:

Replying to your letter of the 3rd instant, would state that the correct official abbreviation of the name of California is Calif., not Cal.

Respectfully,

C. Hart Merriam

Chairman,
United States Geographic Board.

M/k

November 26, 1924.

Dr. J. H. Fleming,
267 Rusholme Road,
Toronto, Ontario.

Dear Mr. Fleming:

Thanks for your letter of the 6th instant, which awaited my return from California a few days ago.

Sorry I was not able to be present at the Philadelphia meeting, and hope it was a great success.

Thanks for the clipping. In view of this new inhabitant of the Adirondacks, a revision will surely be necessary.

With best wishes,

Very truly yours,

C. Hart Merriam.

November 26, 1924.

Mr. George Derby, Managing Editor,
National Cyclopedia of American Biography,
70-Fifth Avenue, New York City.

Dear Sir:

Returning from the season's field work in California I find your letter of the 18th instant, asking for certain biographical information. I will try to send you this in a few days.

Very truly yours,

K/k

Nov. 26,1924

Miss Ruth Shealy
[illegible] Fifteenth Street
San Francisco, Calif.

My dear Miss Shealy:

Your letter of the 13th instant has just reached me, forwarded from my California address. Sorry I did not know of you before leaving.

As you will see from this, I am now back at my winter home in Washington and do not expect to return to California before the end of [illegible]. Would you be available about that time? I should like to arrange to see you. My work is mainly in the field of [illegible] general natural history.

Very truly yours,

Original Defective

November 26, 1924.

Mr. George Derby, Managing Editor,
National Cyclopedia of American Biography,
70-Fifth Avenue, New York City.

Dear Sir:

Returning from the season's field work in California I find your letter of the 18th instant, asking for certain biographical information. I will try to send you this in a few days.

Very truly yours,

E. W. Gudger

K/k

Nov. 26,1924

Miss Ruth Choudy
901 East Fillmore Street
San Francisco, Calif.

My dear Miss Choudy:

Your letter of the 13th instant has just reached me, forwarded from my California address. Sorry I did not know of you before leaving.

As you will see from this, I am now back at my winter home in Washington and do not expect to return to California before the end of March. Should you be available about that time I should be glad to arrange to see you. My work is mainly in the fields of ethology and general natural history.

Very truly yours,

E. W. Gudger

Retake of Preceding Frame

Nov. 26,1924

Miss Ruth Shoudy
251 East Fillmore Street
San Francisco, Calif.

My dear Miss Shoudy:

Your letter of the 13th instant has just reached me, forwarded from my California address. Sorry I did not know of you before leaving.

As you will see from this, I am now back at my winter home in Washington and do not expect to return to California before the end of March. Should you be available about that time I should be glad to arrange to see you. My work is mainly in the fields of ethnology and general natural history.

Very truly yours,

C. Hart Merriam

Nov.28,1924

Field and Stream
45 West 45th Street
New York City

Dear Sirs:

Enclosed find my check of $2.50 for subscription to Field and Stream for 1925.

Please note : Address November to May, 1919 16th Street, Washington,D.C.; May to October inclusive, Lagunitas,Marin Co.Calif.

Heretofore you have not followed directions as to mailing address.

Very truly yours,

C. Hart Merriam

1919 16th Street
Nov 28, 1924

The Chief of Engineers
War Department, Washington

Dear Sir:

Can you send me for official use a complete set of the Tactical map sheets of the State of California, so far as issued. If so, please address me at 1919 16th Street, Washington.

Respectfully,

C. H. Merriam

Chairman U.S. Geographic Board

Nov. 28,1924

Miss Albertine Randall
Care Star Office
Washington, D.C.

My dear Miss Randall:

For some months past I have been much interested in your admirable cartoons of the people of Rabbitboro.

Your success in expression and attitude leads me to feel that you might be equally preeminent in creating the Animal People of our California myths--beings that preceded the Indians as inhabitants of the earth.

I do not know where you live, but would be glad of an opportunity to show you some of the stories and talk the matter over with you.

Very truly yours,

C. Hart Merriam

December 1, 1924.

Mr. Homer Sargent,
232 Arroyo Terrace,
Pasadena, California.

My dear Mr. Sargent:

This is to acknowledge your letter of October 14th, from White Horse, Yukon, written when I was still in the field in northern California. I continued field work with Indians until near the middle of November, and have only recently returned to Washington, which is my apology for the long dealy in acknowledging your letter, and in thanking you for the specimens of grizzly bears which, I assume, are awaiting my attention in the National Museum. I hope to see them in a very few days and will then write you more fully.

You certainly are to be congratulated on your success with the bears, and I am delighted to know that both of the specimens sent are adult males, these being the most difficult to get.

It was very good of you to send me the large map with the localities plainly marked. This is always a help.

Later on I shall, of course, send the hide of one of the bears to J. D. Allen, Mandan, North Dakota, and the skull to you at Pasadena, in accordance with your instructions.

The horn you mention, I will write you about when I see it, but from your description it seems to be certain that it belongs to one of the extinct species of buffalo, of which a

number have been discovered in Alaska.

In reply to your inquiry about the proper way to measure bear skulls, would say that the only field measurements of value are the total length and the extreme breadth. The length is generally taken by hunters along the upward curved top-line of the skull, which results in a faulty measurement. In the case of some very large skulls, the total length, as published by hunters, is fully two inches longer than the greatest length of skull as measured by me after it has come to the Museum. The proper way to make this measurement is by placing the skull on a board or log and standing a peg vertically against the front teeth, and another at the extreme hind end of the skull. The distance in a straight (horizontal) line between these two uprights is the total length of the skull. This measurement seems to afford much satisfaction to the killers of big bears, but it is really of very little scientific interest for the reason that the crest along the top of the back part of the skull projects backward increasingly for a dozen or fifteen years, without bearing any definite relation to the length of the base of the skull. The measurement naturalists take for purposes of comparison is a straight line between the front teeth and the plane of the occipital condyles. Some mammalogists ignore the condyles and stop at the notch at the base of the foramen magnum. But these are technical measurements used only in museums, not in the field.

You were fortunate to secure such fine ram heads. Were all the sheep you saw white, or did some of them have saddle backs?

With many thanks for your interesting letter and for your continued interest in my work,

Very truly yours,

C. Hart Merriam

December 1, 1924.

Dear Sheldon:

Homer Sargent, who hunted last fall in the Donjek - Kluane country from July to October, killed two grizzly bears and a few sheep.

Concerning the sheep, he says:

> "There seemed to be as many sheep in this country now as 11 years ago when I was last here, but for some reason we had difficulty in finding the rams. They were always further back and higher up. My heads measured: Spread 28" Base 13 7/8, Length along curl 37 1/2; Spreads 27" Base 13 Length along curl 40". They were nice even heads as I took much pains to get the best available."

He adds that during the time he was in the Donjek country his party counted upwards of 1100 sheep, of which at least 90 percent were ewes and lambs. He "was not successful in bagging or even seeing a really large sheep head in good condition, so after some three weeks of solid hunting gave that up." I thought you might be interested in this.

Very truly yours,

C. Hart Merriam

Mr. Charles Sheldon,
1330 Phelps Place N. W.,
Washington, D. C.

December 1, 1924.

Mr. Joseph W. Latimer,
42 West 85th Street,
New York City.

Dear Sir:

A document entitled "Bureaucracy A La Mode, No. 5," has just reached me, although wrongly addressed. It was addressed to me at Interior Department Building. My permanent address is 1919 - 16th Street, Washington. My summer address, usually from April to November, is Lagunitas, Marin County, California.

I am much interested in the subject matter of this publication, and shall be obliged if you will enter my name as a permament subscriber and send me a complete set of previous issues, as well as those to come, with bill for same.

It seems unfortunate that you have adopted such a large size for your publication. It is very disagreeable to handle, and will not go without folding in either octavo or quarto files. Why not reduce it to ordinary letter sheet size?

While there is much to criticize in the workings of the Indian Bureau, it must be admitted that they are not responsible for many of the things charged against them.

Very truly yours,

C. Hart Merriam

December 1, 1924.

University Press,
Berkeley, California.

Dear Sirs:

In September last I wrote you (from Legunitas, California) asking for two copies of a paper by Dr. Pliny Goddard on Wailaki Indians. You returned my letter with the endorsement, "not our publication," which grieved me greatly.

On returning to Washington I find that you were wrong, for the paper in question, the full title of which is "The Habitat of the Wailaki" is a reprint from University of California Publications in American Archaeology and Ethnology, vol. XX, pp. 95-103, December, 1923.

In view of this fact, I take the liberty to renew my request and shall be greatly obliged if you will kindly send to my Washington address (1919 - 16th St.) two copies, with bill for same.

Very truly yours,

December 1, 1924.

Arthur J. Tholl,
1708 Ninth Street N.W.,
Washington, D. C.

Dear Sir:

Herewith I enclose my check on the National Metropolitan Bank of this city for $383. in payment for the new American "A" Boiler with Mueller Heat Expander, as per contract and bill of even date.

The apparatus thus far is entirely satisfactory and I am obliged for your attentions in the matter.

Very truly yours,

December 1, 1924.

Dome Oil Company,
Takoma Park, D. C.

Replying to your letter dated November 29th, would say that I am obliged for your promptness in filling my tank with fuel oil, and am enclosing check for coupon book in the amount of $52.50, from which please tear out coupons amounting to $9.70, as per enclosed statement just received.

Please send coupon book at your convenience.

Very truly yours,
C. Hart Merriam

Dec. 2 rec'd. Coupon book for 500 gals - - 40.80
Balance returned to me. - Cmm

Dec.1.1924

Mr N. W. Dorsey
Accountant. Smithsonian Inst.

Dear Mr Dorsey:

Herewith I am enclosing my check on the National Metropolitan Bank of this city for $500 in repayment of advance for field work in California recieved early last July.

Very truly yours.
C. Hart Merriam

December 1, 1924.

Dome Oil Company,
Takoma Park, D. C.

Replying to your letter dated November 29th, would say that I am obliged for your promptness in filling my tank with fuel oil, and am enclosing check for coupon book in the amount of $52.50, from which please tear out coupons amounting to $9.70, as per enclosed statement just received.

Please send coupon book at your convenience.

Very truly yours,
C. Hart Merriam

Dec. 2 rec'd. Coupon book for 500 gals - - 40.80
Balance returned to me. - Com

Dec.1.1924

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Retake of Preceding Frame

Dec. 4, 1924

Mr N. W. Dorsey, Accountant
Smithsonian Institution

Dear Mr Dorsey:

Herewith I am enclosing my expense account for November, voucher amounting to $331.04, and also for Zenaida Merriam, assistant, $17.50, and J.W. Scollick for cleaning 10 Bear skulls, $5.00, which please pay from the Harriman fund, and oblige,

Very truly yours,

C. Hart Merriam

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1919 16th Street, Washington, D.C.

Expense account for November 1924

Nov.	2	Round trip fare, Fairfax-SanFrancisco			60
		Hand baggage 20; Street cars 20; meals 1.50		1	90
	3	Meals $3; Street cars .40; 2 doz pencils 1.20		4	60
	4	Meals $3; Street cars 35		3	35
		Allens Press Clip. Bureau: 230 Indian Clips in Oct.	1	6	90
	5	Meals $2; Street cars 35; baggage 20		2	55
		Cartwright Hotel, room 2 days		6	00
	10	5 gals gas 90; garage & grease 75		1	65
		Return fare, Fairfax-SanFrancisco 60; Street cars 30			90
		Telegram to Geographic Board, Washington		1	20
		2 copies Forum (Indian articles) 70; meals 1.50		2	20
	13	Lagunitas: Trunk out $1; Fare to SanFrancisco 96		2	96
		Baggage transfer, SanFrancisco 25; hand baggage 20			45
		Street cars 30; ret fare Alameda 36; meals 1.50		2	16
	14	Street cars 25; Return fare S.F.-Palo Alto 2.28		2	53
	15	Street cars 30; meals 1.50; Hotel porter 25		2	05
	18	Cartwright Hotel, room	2	3	00
		Return ticket SanFrancisco-Washington (S.P.)		191	14
		Drawing room, Oakland-Chicago $84 (1/3 $28)	3	28	00
		Lower berth, Chicago-Washington	4	8	25
		Meals, Dining car, SanFrancisco-Washington		14	00
		Pullman porter 1.00; Baggage in, Washington .65		1	65
	21	Expressage on maps, mss, & vocabs, Calif-Washn	5	17	48
		Gas, June 24-July 1o (Bill just recd) 3.20 (1/3 1.07)	6	1	07
		Stampt envelopes and postage		2	20
		Subscriptions for 1925:			
		The Auk 4.00			
		Internat. Journal Am. Linguistics 5.00			
		Proc National Academy 5.00			
		Field & Stream 2.50			
		Bird Lore 1.50			
		Journ. Heredity (Aug 1924-Jan 1926) . . 4.25		22	25
				330	79
				331	04

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331.04

December 5, 1924.

Honorable M. J. Sinnott,
Chairman, Committee on Public Lands,
House of Representatives,
Washington, D. C.

My dear Mr. Sinnott:

Many thanks for your courtesy in sending me 150 copies of the report of the U. S. Geographic Board on Mt. Rainier. The package was missent to Council Bluffs, Iowa, as you will see by the enclosed frank, but has now arrived, for which I am properly thankful.

The previous batch of 50 copies, which you mention, never arrived.

Very truly yours,

C. Hart Merriam

P.S. Since writing above I have sent off most of the 150 copies sent. It should be promptly shipped if you have not received another 150 or 200 - addressed to 1919-16th St. Merriam

December 5, 1924.

Honorable C. Bascom Slemp,
Secretary to the President,
The White House.

My dear Mr. Slemp:

Many thanks for your courtesy in notifying me that the President has designated Samuel W. Boggs, Chief of the Geographic Section of the Division of Political and Economic Information, Department of State, as representative of the State Department on the U. S. Geographic Board.

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Retake of Preceding Frame

December 6, 1924.

Mr. F. W. Ashley,
Superintendent of Reading Room,
Library of Congress,
Washington, D. C.

My dear Sir:

Your letter of the 2nd instant is at hand, stating that my assistant, Miss Clemence, has kept overtime three books borrowed from the Library on October 13.

Miss Clemence tells me that she went to the desk and extended the time on these three books.

It would be a matter of regret if any of my assistants at any time overstepped the Library rules in regard to the use of books. I greatly appreciate the privilege that we enjoy in the use of the Library.

Very truly yours,

C. Hart Merriam

December 5, 1924.

Mr. J. W. Scollick,
U. S. National Museum,
Washington, D. C.

Dear Mr. Scollick:

I have just sent in a voucher in payment of the bear skulls cleaned by you during last summer, as per your memorandum which has just been sent in from the Museum.

I have just read your inquiry concerning your granddaughter. I do not know anything about the details of employment in the National Geographic Society, except that I know they do employ a number of girls. I would suggest that your granddaughter make inquiry at the Hubbard Hall.

Very truly yours,

C. Hart Merriam

December 5, 1924.

Mr. Louis James,
Ladoga, California.

My dear Mr. James:

Thanks for your letter and the two photographs of yourself, which have just arrived. They are excellent pictures.

I am glad you reached home all right, and am wondering whether or not you went to San Francisco after you left us.

We arrived in Washington about ten days ago and have just finished putting in a new furnace with oil burner. It works fine. So far we have had only a little snow and it did not last.

Please give my regards to George Bill and family, and Jesse Berryessa.

Very truly yours,

C. Hart Merriam

December 6, 1924.

Miss K. Bose,
Principal, The Modern School, Delhi,
No. 24, Darya Ganj,
Delhi, India.

My dear Miss Bose:

Returning from a season's field work in northwestern California, I find your letter of September 9 and accompanying pamphlets relating to your school.

You have made a strong case in favor of Mr. D. Raja Ram.

So far as I am aware, the National Geographic Society has never considered the matter of scolarships. However, since you have written the President, Mr. Grosvernor, it may come up at the December meeting, at which I expect to be present. It would be a splendid thing if we had sufficient funds to enable us to help ambitious and capable young men.

With best wishes,

Very truly yours,

C. Hart Merriam

December 6, 1924.

Major John C. H. Lee,
Corps of Engineers,
War Department,
Washington, D. C.

Dear Sir:

Very many thanks for your promptness in sending me, in compliance with my request of November 28, a set of tactical map sheets of the State of California (55 in number), as per invoice in your letter of December 3, just received.

In looking over the quadrangles hurriedly I notice a number of errors, concerning which I shall be glad to send you a memorandum a little later. There seems to have been difficulty in making Lower Lake fit the main body of Clear Lake.

These maps are of special interest and value to me as covering ground not covered by the Geological Survey sheets. And you may be interested to know that I have obtained from various tribes of Indians in northern California hundreds of names of rivers, creeks, and mountains in the areas covered by your maps.

Very truly yours,

C. Hart Merriam

Chairman, U. S. Geographic Board.

December 8, 1924.

Doctor W. Barclay Stephens
1250 Bay Street
Alameda, California.

Dear Doctor Stephens:

This is to announce that the Lagunitas branch of the Merriam tribe arrived in Washington duly and put up with Vernon and Florence Bailey for the first eight days. During these trying days our house was exceedingly cold, but was the seat of much activity. The old furnace was dug out and removed and a magnificent American Radiator Company's Heating Machine "Type A" installed. While this was going on I succeeded in selling my old No-Kol furnace for $200, and purchased a Gill oil burning outfit which was set up alongside the furnace and is giving immense satisfaction. The Gill burns a heavier and correspondingly less expensive oil than the No-Kol and is a vastly superior machine in numerous respects. The flame instead of rising vertically to the top of the furnace impinges against a circular disc of fire brick which deflects it all around to the lower part of the sides of the furnace, so that it runs all the way from bottom to top and then all the way down again through flues in the sides of the furnace before it escapes into the smoke pipe at the level of the cellar floor. There is no fan and the only noise is that of the flame itself inside the furnace. The oil burning apparatus is contained in a metal case alongside the back part of the furnace and can be placed anywhere in the neighborhood of the furnace. There is no pipe or other part projecting out from the front of the furnace, as in all the other kinds of oil burners which I have thus far seen. It, like the others, is governed by a thermostat located upstairs in our library, handy to the bedroom door. So we seem to be well fixed for the winter so far as inside temperature is concerned.

Elizabeth and Zenaida have not succumbed to the prevalent influenza and are as well as usual.

Last evening Florence and Vernon and one of my nieces, who is spending the winter with Florence, dined with us.

Thus far we have had very little rain and we are wondering how it has been in the Bay region— whether or not you are having the usual plentiful rains.

I have not yet been to the Museum, but am informed that some bear skulls are awaiting my attention there.

We have not forgotten the farewell dinner you and Mrs. Stephens gave us just before leaving.

With love to you all from all of us,

As ever yours,

C. Hart Merriam

December 8, 1924.

Editor, San Diego Union,
San Diego, California.

Dear Sir:

In your issue of October 22 last is an article accompanied by a reproduction of a photograph entitled, "Cut Four-Mile Road Through Brush to Bury Indian Woman." The article speaks of the woman in question as the last of the Negito tribe. Can you tell me where you dug up this name? It is not in my list of some 20,000 names of Indian tribes and rancherias of California.

Very truly yours,
C. Hart Merriam

December 8, 1924.

Doctor Charles H. Townsend
The Aquarium, Battery Park
New York City.

Dear Doctor Townsend:

Very many thanks for your separate on the Northern Elephant Seal just received. Publications of first-hand observations of this kind, accompanied by such admirable illustrations as yours, are among the most valuable contributions to mammalogy.

With best wishes,

Very truly yours,
C. Hart Merriam

December 9, 1924.

Dr. E. W. Nelson
Chief, Biological Survey
Washington, D. C.

Dear Nelson:

In compliance with your request of the 4th instant, I have read the manuscript by Edison Marshall left with you by Stefansson and have written Stefansson by this mail. A carbon of my letter to him is enclosed herewith for your information.

Hoping to see you soon,

Very truly yours,

C. Hart Merriam

December 9, 1924.

Doctor V. Stefansson
American Geographical Society
New York City.

Dear Doctor Stefansson:

Dr. Nelson, Chief of the Biological Survey, has sent me the enclosed manuscript by Edison Marshall which you left with him a few days ago with the request that I look it over and write you.

Concerning the statements indicating either an increase or little if any decrease in several kinds of big game in various parts of Canada and Alaska, I have no comment to make, the author's observations agreeing in the main with my views on the subject. In other words, I have no sympathy with the present-day outcry against the alleged disappearance of big game in areas distant from civilization.

But other parts of the manuscript suggest comment. For instance, when on page 3 the author tells us that a reputable local druggist (apparently at Medford, Oregon) "reported seeing a full grown grizzly bear in this same immediate area," why should he abstain from giving the name of the observer and the locality where the grizzly is said to have been seen? Such a record made at any time during the past five years would be well worth recording.

Near the bottom of page 7 the author speaks of "the Alaska bear -- the greatest of all grizzlies." This is a very loose statement, for the reason that a number of very different species of bears inhabit Alaska. Presumably the species referred to was one of the big brown bears, but they are not grizzlies. The two largest grizzlies known inhabit regions widely remote from one another, namely, the Kenai Peninsula in Alaska and certain mountains in extreme southern California.

In the same paragraph attention is called to the circumstance that inhabitants of Alaska have branded the big bears "a menace to human life." This he seems to regard as a great joke, notwithstanding the fact that later on he cites a number of instances in which men have been killed by Alaska bears. Most of these he believes to have been wounded, although he mentions one or two cases in which the attacks were unprovoked. If he had looked up the record of unprovoked attacks upon hunters, prospectors, and others, it would not have been necessary to quote the "opinions" of various people on the subject. Facts speak plainer than opinions, and plenty of facts are available.

An error of identification occurs on page 15 (5th line from the bottom) where the Alaska Peninsula Bear (Ursus gyas) is called Kadiak Bear (the scientific name of which is Ursus middendorffi).

About timber wolves:

Personally I have had very little experience with the big wolves. But for more than 40 years I have attempted to run down all the reports I have seen of the killing of men by wolves, whether in the United States, Canada, or Alaska. The result is that up to

the present time I have not obtained evidence of a single absolutely authentic case. The great majority of alleged instances are pure fakes, invented by newspaper reporters. A few years ago "Rod and Gun in Canada" said so much about the killing of Canadians by wolves that I wrote a strong protest to the editor, telling him in effect that if he knew of any authentic case of this kind it was his duty to record it with the necessary data, stating when and where the alleged killing had taken place, and who the victim was. He replied that cases were so numerous he would have no trouble in giving the exact details of a number. It is hardly necessary to add that these details never arrived, for up to the present time, so far as I am aware, the editor has not made good in a single instance.

A good many authors familiar from childhood with the dangerous character of the big wolves of Eurasia have failed to appreciate the fact, known to all naturalists, that American wolves rarely if ever attack human beings. I do not go so far as to assert that in America men have never been killed by wolves, but merely to emphasize the fact that such killings are of exceeding rarity and that the evidence is usually defective. We are told that Mr. Talbot, Manager of Norway House, knows of "one instance of a man being killed." Why are we not given the details of so unusual an event?

The manuscript received from Dr. Nelson is herewith enclosed.

With best wishes,

Very truly yours,

C. Hart Merriam

December 9, 1924.

Doctor A. V. Kidder
Phillips Andover Academy
Andover, Massachusetts.

My dear Doctor Kidder:

In looking over the July-September "Anthropoligist" I find an interesting article by Miss Ruth Fulton Benedict on Serrano Culture (pages 366-392). I am anxious to obtain separates of this article and shall be glad to purchase two copies if you will kindly send them to me with bill.

Who is editor of "Memoirs of the American Anthropological Association"?

Very truly yours,

C. Hart Merriam

December 9, 1924.

Dr. E. W. Nelson
Chief, Biological Survey
Washington, D. C.

Dear Nelson:

A press bulletin from the National Parks Service, dated November 6, 1924, states that a huge grizzly "bigger than a cow" has been seen several times in or near Kaweah Canyon below Moro Rock. About the end of October a well-known cattle man of Three Rivers named Alfred Hengst reported seeing this grizzly at close quarters. He said, "it was bigger than any cow and looked as though sprinkled with snow."

Can you not have one of your Survey hunters gather in this precious specimen for the Museum? You doubtless know that in spite of the hundreds of grizzlies killed in the Sierra not a single skull is known to exist in any collection from any locality between Walker Basin at the extreme south end of the Sierra and the McCloud River near the north end. It is a calamity that no one knows the species of the once abundant Sierra grizzly.

Very truly yours,

C. Hart Merriam

December 10, 1924.

Mr. W. E. Colby
Mills Building
San Francisco, California.

My dear Mr. Colby:

Very many thanks for your thoughtfulness in sending me the press bulletin of the National Parks' Service, telling about the big grizzly seen near Moro Rock. I had not previously seen this item and am very glad to have it.

A few days ago I sent you my report (approved unanimously by the Government Geographic Board) on the name of Mt. Rainier.

With best wishes and compliments of the season,

Very truly yours,

C. Hart Merriam

December 13, 1924.

Miss Ruth Fulton Benedict
Bedford Hills, New York.

My dear Miss Benedict:

The last number of the American Anthropologist contains your sketch of Serrano Culture, a paper of very great interest to me.

On receiving the number I immediately wrote Dr. Kidder, asking for two separate copies of your article with bill for same. I have this morning received a reply, stating that the only separates published were sent you. I am therefore writing you direct in the hope that you may be able to favor me.

With best wishes,

Very truly yours,
E. Sapir

December 13, 1924.

Frank Woore
96, St. Peter's Street
Derby, England.

Dear Sir:

Thanks for your 'Derby Catalogue No. 23' just received.

On the back of the front cover I note that you are advertising three books by Doctor E. Wallis Budge, at 4s 6d each, namely, 'Legends of the Gods,' 'Annals of Nubian Kings,' 'Hieroglyphic Vocabulary.'

I shall be very glad if you will kindly send me one copy of each of these. A postal note for the amount ($3.24) is enclosed herewith.

Very truly yours,
E. Sapir

December 16, 1924.

Hon. N. J. Sinnott
House of Representatives.

My dear Mr. Sinnott:

Thanks for the additional 50 copies of the Report of the U. S. Geographic Board on the Proposed Change of Name of Mt. Rainier. I have distributed all of them.

Very truly yours,
C. Hart Merriam

December 16, 1924.

Hon. John F. Miller
House of Representatives.

My dear Mr. Miller:

Very many thanks for the goodly batch of the Report of the Geographic Board on the Proposed Change of Name of Mt. Rainier. I had exhausted my former supply and am greatly obliged for these. I will put them to good use.

With best wishes,

Very truly yours,
C. Hart Merriam

December 16, 1924

Dear Doctor Mather:

Very many thanks for your courtesy in sending me the Out-O-Door Section of the Stockton Record of December 6, containing a surprising amount of interesting information about Yosemite National Park. I had no idea that the Stockton paper was giving so much space to the National Parks.

The article 'Save the Grizzly' by Walter Fry, appealed to me and I had just arrived at the interesting part when confronted by the words 'continued on page 8.' Turning to page 8, I failed to find the rest of the article and a search of other pages has not brought it to light. So I am still left in tantalizing uncertainty as to the meat of the story.

With kind regards and best wishes,

Very truly yours,
C. Hart Merriam

Dr. Stephen T. Mather
Director, National Park Service
Washington, D. C.

December 16, 1924.

Miss H. Addicott
Secretary, University Press
Berkeley, California.

My dear Miss Addicott:

Thanks for your letter of the 10th instant in regard to the place of publication of Doctor Goddard's paper on 'The Habitat of the Wailaki.'

It seems a matter of regret that no reprints of the several articles in Volume XX have been provided. I shall be glad however if you will send me the whole Volume, for which my check for $5 is enclosed, in accordance with your memorandum.

Please have it strongly wrapped and addressed to me at 1919 Sixteenth Street, Washington, D. C.

Very truly yours,
C. Hart Merriam

December 16, 1924

Dr. F. A. Lucas, Honorary Director
American Museum Natural History
New York City.

Dear Doctor Lucas:

It is good to see your signature again, even though you are silent as to the subject of my article on the Proposed Change of Name of Mt. Rainier, a copy of which I sent you some days ago.

I quite agree with you as to the high desirability of correcting the present official name, Muscle Shoals, but unfortunately this, along with several other very objectionable names, has been fixed by Congress and is beyond the power of the Geographic Board to change.

With best wishes to you all,

Very truly yours,

C. Hart Merriam

December 16, 1924

Dear Chapman:

Too bad I missed you after you had taken the trouble to come up to the house. Zenaida and I had just gone to McMillan's lecture before the Geographic Society, but Elizabeth was very glad to see you and much interested in what you told her.

Hoping for better luck next time,

As ever yours,

C. Hart Merriam

Dr. Frank M. Chapman
American Museum Natural History
New York City

December 17, 1924.

Dr. Gilbert Grosvenor, President
National Geographic Society
Washington, D.C.

Dear Doctor Grosvenor:

Herewith I am enclosing the list of addresses to which I shall be very glad if you will kindly send copies of the Society's books, as specified in your letter of the 5th instant and accompanying blank.

These will make most acceptable Christmas presents and I regret that extreme pressure of work has prevented me from attending to the matter earlier.

With best wishes,

Very truly yours,

C. Hart Merriam

It will make no particular difference if the books are a week or two late in arriving

December 17, 1924.

Chief Clerk
Library of Congress
Washington, D.C.

Dear Sir:

Will you kindly have photo-duplicates made for me of the following material, sending me both positives and negatives: [Reduce 104 x 153]

An article by Alphonse Pinart, entitled Etudes Sur les Indiens Californiens: Sur les Tcholovones de Cherris, published in Revue de Linguistique et de Philologie Comparée, Vol. 27, pp. 79-87, Paris, 1894.

In accordance with instructions in Memorandum from your office, I am enclosing my check for $2.70 in payment (9 pages, negative and positive at 15 cents each), and shall be obliged if you will send me a receipted bill for the same.

Very truly yours,

C. Hart Merriam

December 19, 1924.

Col. Lawrence Martin, Chief
Map Division, Library Congress
Washington, D. C.

Dear Colonel Martin:

Please pardon my delay in sending you the title of Gibbs Map of Northern California of 1851 (of which I have a photostat copy). I have been exceedingly busy and have only just looked up the map. It is entitled 'Sketch of the Northwestern part of California, accompanying a Journal of the expedition of Col. Redick McKee, U. S. Indian Agent, during the summer and fall of 1851, by George Gibbs.'

The original is on file in the Indian Office. Written on it in pencil is the following location: Map 47, Tube 123.

So far as I am aware, no map of northern California of corresponding date (1851) approaches it in accuracy of location of Klamath, Smith, Trinity, and numerous other rivers; of Clear Lake, the largest lake in the State, and of some of the mountains. And furthermore, it shows the locations of a number of the old trails in use in the early mining days, and of four very large Indian reservations roughly surveyed by Colonel McKee and George Gibbs, but not confirmed by the Senate.

To those of us who have to do with geographic names it is worthy of note that the main South Fork of Eel River (now traversed by the Redwood Highway) is called 'Kelsey's River'; Yreka, 'Shasta Butte City'; Stony Creek, 'Stone Creek'; Little Lake (Willits) Valley, 'Betumki Valley'; Long Valley, 'Ba-tim-da-kia' Valley; Ten Mile River, 'Marons River'; Ukiah, 'Parker's'; Hopland, 'Felix'; Healdsburg, 'Fitch's'; Cobb Mt., 'Putos Mt'; Mt. St. Helena, 'Mt. St. Helens'; Mt. Konokti, "Mt. McKee" (after Redick McKee, leader of the expedition).

It is of both geographic and zoological interest to note that the mountain called Sheep Rock in the gold mining days was in Scott Valley on the west side of the mountains that separate Scott Valley from Shasta Valley; whereas, the Sheep Rock of more recent years is immediately north of Mt. Shasta, and only a few miles away.

Taken all in all, the map is of more than ordinary historic interest.

With best wishes,

Very truly yours,

C. Hart Merriam.

December 19,1924

Mr. L. E. Marshall
Descanso, California

Dear Sir:

Your article on the Burial of an Old Indian Woman, published in the San Diego Union of October 22 ~~last~~, gives the name Nagito as that of the tribe to which the woman belonged.

The editor, on inquiry has given me your name and address. Can you tell me where you dug up the name Nagito? It is not on my list of some 20,000 names of California Indian tribes and rancherias. I thought that possibly it might have been a misprint for Dagito, a form sometimes used for Diegano.

Very truly yours,

C. Hart Merriam

December 19, 1924.

Mr. George McClain, Jr.
National Park Service
Washington, D. C.

My dear Mr. McClain:

Very many thanks for your courtesy in sending me a copy of the Stockton Record of December 6, containing Judge Fry's article on 'The Last Grizzly.' On receiving it I was interested to know how I could have overlooked the continued part of the article on page 8, and on looking up the papers sent me by Mr. Mather find that the page 8 sent me belonged to a later issue of the same paper.

I am very glad to have the completed article, and also the article on General Beale.

Very truly yours,

C. Hart Merriam

December 22, 1924.

Chief Flying Eagle
Executive Secretary
American Indian Association
Denver, Colorado

Dear Sir:

Your letter without date reached me this morning.

If you will read carefully the enclosed report on the name of Mt. Rainier I think you will admit that you have been imposed upon by some of the misleading and untruthful circulars distributed by some of the advocates of Tacoma.

Persons familiar with my attitude on Indian affairs, particularly in regard to Indian geographic names, would never accuse me of favoring any other name in cases where an aboriginal Indian name could with justice be adopted.

During the 20 years in which I have been a member of the Government Geographic Board I have uniformly stood for Indian names in all cases where an honest argument could be made for their adoption. And in a number of cases I have succeeded in inducing the Board to substitute an Indian name for the current English name, as for instance, Kettintelbe for Phillipsville; Kenteschobe for Myers, Wintoon Butte for Black Butte, and so on.

But in the case of Mt. Rainier, as I think you will admit if you will read the accompanying pamphlet, there appears to be no shadow of justification for changing the old established

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name. You will observe that those who clamor for the change do not ask for a restoration of any of the real Indian names of the mountain (such as Tiswauk and P'skhou-ks), but demand that the name of the City of Tacoma be attached to it in place of the name it has borne on maps and in geographies for the past 130 years.

Very truly yours,
C. Hart Merriam

December 22, 1924.

Dr. George Bird Grinnell
238 East 15th Street
New York City

Dear Grinnell:

Thanks for your letter of the 16th instant. I was disappointed in not seeing you while you were here, but hope for better luck during your next visit.

Glad you regard my last article on Mt. Rainier as convincing. I hear that many New Yorkers are in favor of Tacoma. Tacoma, by the way, is still carrying on an enormous campaign of misrepresentation.

My season's work in California was most fruitful and satisfactory--as is almost certain to be the case in terminal work when one knows just where to go to secure the remaining odds and ends of information.

Among other things, I was able to complete my map of the distribution of tribes in the northeastern part of the State; and in the country between Russian River and the Coast succeeded in finding in separate localities two old Indian women, each representing an extinct tribe, the dialect of which had not been previously obtained.

But possibly the most important accomplishment was the final completion of the Modesse History of the Universe, the

first chapters of which I obtained 18 years ago. In 1923 I worked with the aged historian of the tribe for nearly two weeks and nearly completed the history, but still lacked the first chapter--that dealing with the creation. This year I camped at the old man's place and in about a week secured the missing parts, so that now the story is complete. There is enough of it I think to make a comfortable little volume by itself.

With kindest regards and greetings of the season to yourself and Mrs. Grinnell, in which Mrs. Merriam and Zenaida join,

As ever yours,

C. Hart Merriam

December 22, 1924.

Professor J. Russell Smith
Swarthmore, Pennsylvania

My dear Professor Smith:

Please pardon my delay in replying to your letter of November 29, which arrived about the time of my return from the season's field work in California. Since then I have had to put a new furnace in my house and have been overwhelmed with all sorts of work so that it has been impossible to find the negative of the photograph you asked for, namely, a granite boulder containing a number of mortar holes in which the Miwuk Indians of California pound their acorns into flour.

You are more than welcome to the use of this photograph and I will send it on if I am lucky enough to find the negative within a few days. But possibly you could obtain a duplicate electro by writing direct to Dr. Gilbert Grosvenor, Editor of the National Geographic Magazine.

Regretting that I have not been able to attend to the matter more promptly,

Very truly yours,
C. Hart Merriam.

December 22, 1924.

Mr. Stephen Knight
Ukiah, California

Dear Mr. Knight:

Day-before-yesterday I went to the office of Colonel Wise to inquire about the Karuk case. Colonel Wise was not in, but his assistant, Captain Bonnin (husband of our friend Mrs. Bonnin) told me that the case had been argued before the Court of Appeals but that no decision had yet been rendered and might not be rendered for some time to come. Captain Bonnin said that Colonel Wise had made a fine argument and he thought the Court was much impressed. But owing to the large sum of money involved and the precedent that would be established it is feared that the Court will try to find some legal reason for refusing the claim. However, until the decision comes we will hope for the best.

Since returning home I have had to put a new furnace in my house, which was a big job and also a very expensive job. I am now at work on the results of last season's field work and hope to finish in time to go back to California in the early spring.

With kindest regards and greetings of the season to yourself and family, in which Mrs. Merriam and Zenaida join,

Very truly yours,
C. Hart Merriam.

December 22, 1924.

Mr. F. A. Barrett
Forest Service
San Francisco, California

My dear Mr. Barrett:

Many thanks for your letter of the 9th instant in regard to the delay in completing the contour maps of the Modoc and California Forests. I shall be very glad to profit by them when they are ready and can readily appreciate the many difficulties in the way of their completion.

In case the Forest Service should issue any new editions of any of your maps during the present winter, I should appreciate copies.

With best wishes,

Very truly yours,

C. [illegible]

December 22, 1924.

Mr. Charles A. Allen,
San Geromimo, California

My dear Mr. Allen:

Thanks for your letter which came yesterday. We are sorry to learn that you have had such miserable weather and that you have taken cold. You did not say anything about rain and we are wondering whether or not you have had rains since we left.

Thus far, we have had a very fair open winter, but have had plenty of trouble as we had to take out our old furnace and put in a new one. Now our house is warm again and we are hoping it will continue so during the rest of the winter.

Our elder daughter, Dorothy, has just come with her two children to spend the holidays with us and we are mighty glad to see them.

With best wishes to Mrs. Allen and yourself,

Very truly yours,

C. [illegible]

December 22, 1924.

Publisher, Outdoor Life
1824 Curtis Street
Denver, Colorado

Dear Sir:

On June 26 last I wrote you asking to change my summer mailing address from 1919-16th Street, Washington, to Lagunitas, California, and to change back to the old address--1919-16th Street--with the November number. Not having received the magazine since I left California, I am wondering whether or not you forgot to change the address.

Very truly yours,

C. Hart Merriam

December 22, 1924.

Publisher, Scientific Monthly
Lancaster, Pennsylvania

Dear Sir:

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Very truly yours,

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December 22, 1924.

Publisher, Science
Lancaster, Pennsylvania
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Very truly yours,

C. H. Smith

January 5, 1925

Mr. N. W. Dorsey, Accountant
Smithsonian Institution

Dear Mr. Dorsey:

Herewith I am handing you my expense account for the month of December amounting to $57.71, with accompanying subvouchers, and voucher for Ruth C. Hall for services as stenographer December 8 to 31, inclusive, $100, which kindly pay from the Harriman Fund.

Am also enclosing bill from N. M. Minnix Company of this city for a large steel seal-joint safe and 2 steel filing cabinets with accompanying fittings, amounting in all to $466.34, which I shall be obliged if you will pay direct to the Minnix Company.

Very truly yours,
C. Hart Merriam

C. Hart Merriam

1919-16th St. N.W., Washington, D. C.

1924		Expense account for December 1924			
Dec.	6	House cleaning office rooms	1	6	00
	9	Lansburgh & Bro. Office lamp	2	2	45
	10	Wire waste paper receiver			25
	10	House Stationery Room--Office stationery	3	2	06
	11	Byron S. Adams,500 sheets typewriter paper	4	3	25
	12	F Morrison Paper Co. Pencil 05,100 9x12 Man.env.	5	2	05
	13	E W Budge's Hieroglyphic Vocab.& Legends Gods	6	3	24
	15	Allen's Press Clipping Bureau,Clippings for Nov.	7	3	00
	16	Vol 20 Univ.Calif.Pubs.in Ethnology	8	5	00
	22	Library Congress,Photostat Pinart Cholovones	9	2	70
	17	Remington Typewriter Co. repairs	10	2	15
	29	" " " "	11	1	50
	30	Underwood Typewriter Co. repairs	12	1	15
	22	" " " "	13	3	00
		Subscriptions for 1925(additional to Nov: acct.)			
	8	Nature Magazine		2	00
	12	New York Zoological Society Bull		1	50
	26	Rod and Gun in Canada	14	2	00
		Journal Washington Academy Sciences		4	00
		Postage and stamped envelopes		2	45
		Gas Nov.24-Dec.24,$8.20 (1/3)	15	2	73
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C. Hart Merriam

January 5, 1924

Dr. Witmer Stone
Academy of Natural Sciences
Philadelphia, Pennsylvania

Dear Doctor Stone:

Many thanks for your address on 'The Ornithology of Today and Tomorrow' and your interesting paper on botanical leanings of Leidy. I read both articles last evening and, with the exception of a single paragraph, was much pleased with them. The paragraph referred to you will probably guess in advance is the one minifying if not actually decrying the importance of collecting specimens. I am most emphatically of the opposite opinion. I do not believe that a naturalist was ever made without the actual field experience of collecting specimens. The idea that a man can become a naturalist by studying specimens in the museum and books in the library is to me altogether preposterous. Without the enthusiasm generated by actual field collecting and the exhilaration and thrills incident to the capture of a rare specimen, how can one even hope to become more than a mere vacant shadow of an amateur? It is indeed painful to me to see you, after your long and successful achievment as a collector, uttering views that will furnish ammunition for the maudlin sentimentalists who are joining the section-cutting school of so-called biologists in the extermi-

nation of the race of naturalists.

Enough of this, but my system rebels against the point of view you have allowed yourself to be inveigled into.

The only other point in your address to which I do not subscribe is your faith in the International Code.

Apart from these, I agree with practically everything you have said--and you have said a good deal and said it most admirably and interestingly. And I enjoyed also your article on Leidy.

With best wishes,

As ever yours,

C. Hart Merriam

January 5, 1925

Dr. F. W. Hodge
Museum of the American Indian
New York City

Dear Doctor Hodge:

Doubtless the big snowstorm kept you from coming to the Anthropological meeting. I was greatly disappointed and still hope that you will come here at some time during the winter. I am anxious to show you the ethnological results of my field work in California during the past 30 odd years.

Thanks for your courtesy in sending me a carbon of your reply to Congressman Albert Johnson's letter on the proposed change of name of Mt. Rainier. It goes without saying that I am highly gratified with your reply and am grateful to you for sending me the correspondence.

With best wishes,

Very truly yours,

C. H. Merriam

January 5, 1925.

Hon. Stephen T. Mather
Director, National Park Service
Washington, D. C.

Dear Mr. Mather:

Again I am obliged to you for another copy of the Stockton Record containing interesting matter about the animal life of some of the National Parks.

I am now in touch with Mr. Reynolds and hope to profit by future notes along the same lines.

Thanking you for bringing the matter to my attention and with best wishes,

Very truly yours,

C. H. Merriam

January 5, 1925

Mr. G. E. Reynolds
Managing Editor, Stockton Record
Stockton, California

My dear Mr. Reynolds:

Thanks for your letter of December 27, with accompanying copies of the Record. The trouble with the paper sent me by Mr. Mather (containing Judge Frye's article) was that he sent parts of papers of two different dates and the page called for belonged to a later issue than the one containing the first part of the article. However the matter is now all straightened out and I have complete copies of the several bear articles, and also of the historical article on General Beale, which I am very glad to have.

In respect to the article you suggest on California grizzlies, would say that I am now so overwhelmed with accumulated work that I cannot do anything in this line at present, but later may be able to send you something.

I must confess to a feeling of amazement at the size and character of the Record. It seems hardly credible that Stockton can support such a large and excellent paper.

I should be glad to subscribe for the Out-O-Door Section of the Record, containing natural history and historical matter relating to our national forests and national parks.

Very truly yours,

January 7, 1925

TO THE UNITED STATES GEOGRAPHIC BOARD

Fellow Members:

I hereby tender my resignation as a member of the Board.

During the past 15 years, owing to pressure of other work, I have again and again felt impelled to resign, but for the past decade this feeling has been in a measure offset by the unfortunate circumstance that I was the only surviving member of the Board who had served among the long line of explorers in remote parts of the far West, where for more than a quarter of a century I had conducted field explorations, chiefly by means of pack outfits and saddle horses.

Now, advancing age, in connection with the rather appalling realization that there is no hope of living long enough to complete and publish more than a fraction of the volumes on which I am engaged, makes it imperative to cut out as much outside work as possible. The increasing pressure of my more important lines of work is my only reason for resigning.

The Board during the 35 years of its existence has done a very large amount of useful work, and beyond question will continue the good work far into the future. I leave you with many regrets and with best wishes for the future.

C. Hart Merriam
Chairman.

January 8, 1925

Dr. A. Franklin Shull, Secretary
American Society of Naturalists
Ann Arbor, Michigan

Dear Doctor Shull:

Your letter of the 5th instant, notifying me that at the recent meeting of the American Society of Naturalists I was elected President for the year 1925, gives me a distinct shock.

I am an old man with an immense amount of unfinished material which I am trying to put in shape for publication. For this reason I have been pulling out of various scientific activities, the most recent example of which is my resignation from the Government Geographic Board, of which I have been a member for 20 years and chairman for 8 years.

For 15 years or more I have spent approximately half of each year in field work in California, and during the intervening winters have accomplished little more than to put the results in form for permanent preservation--but not for publication. The material will fill at least 25 or 30 volumes, and you can easily see that a man of 70 must put all of his time into his work if he hopes to see much of it published over his own name.

Your letter implies that the President should attend meetings of the Executive Committee, and that he must have

certain responsibilities in connection with the December meeting. These responsibilities would make it impracticable for me to accept, particularly since I am likely to remain in California until December. Hence, with appreciation of the honor intended and with genuine regret, I feel obliged to decline.

Very truly yours,

C. Hart Merriam

January 12, 1925

Mr. Vilhjalmur Stefansson
American Geographical Society
New York City

Dear Mr. Stefansson:

Replying to your inquiry in regard to the difference in habits between the big wolves of Eurasia and those of North America, would say that there is no doubt whatever that Eurasian wolves from earliest times have been in the habit of killing people. The literature on this subject if so extensive and the recorded cases so numerous that the matter is not open to question. At the present time, owing to the long-continued use of firearms, it would be natural to suppose that such cases are much less frequent than formerly. Lydekker in his 'Royal Natural History,' (Vol.1, page 498, published in 1894) states: "In the year 1875 no less than 161 persons fell victims to these animals in Russia."

In the first part of my 'Mammals of the Adirondacks' (published in 1882 in the Transactions of the Linnaean Society of New York), I said, among other things: "Comparatively few wolves are now to be found in the Adirondacks, though twelve years ago they were quite abundant, and used to hunt in packs of half a dozen or more. . . . Th-

amount of noise that a single Wolf is capable of producing is simply astonishing, and many amusing episodes of camp lore owe their origin to this fact. More than one 'lone traveller' has hastily taken to a tree, and remained in the inhospitable shelter of its scrawny branches for an entire night, believing himself surrounded by a pack of at least fifty fierce and hungry Wolves, when, in reality, there was but one, and (as its tracks afterwards proved) it was on the farther side of a lake, a couple of miles away."

If you will look over the literature on Eurasion Wolves in the library of the American Museum of Natural History, I am sure you will find a great deal on the subject.

You doubtless are familiar with Roosevelt's statement in his 'Hunting Tales of a Ranchman,' in which he says: According to my experience, the wolf is rather solitary. A single one or a pair will be found by themselves, or possibly with one or more well-grown young ones, and will then hunt over a large tract where no other wolves will be found; and as they wander very far, and as their melancholy howlings have a most ventriloquial effect, they are often thought to be much more plentiful than they are."

Very truly yours,

C. Hart Merriam

January 12, 1925

Flying Eagle, Executive Secretary
American Indian Association
Denver, Colorado

My dear Sir:

Replying to your letter dated Snow Moon, 7 Suns, 25, would say that you seem to be a little mixed, inasmuch as you acknowledge the copy of a pamphlet entitled 'The Great Myth--Mount Tacoma,' which I did not send you, and say nothing about the report of the U. S. Geographic Board on the name of Mount Rainier, which I did send you.

You announce that you, as an Indian Association, believe in truth and consider facts in the light of truth. This leads one to ask why your letter contains several statements that are not true.

Referring to Mount Rainier, you say: "The Indians unquestionably had a name for that mountain, but in the rush of civilization it has been lost, probably forever." If you had read my report on the name of the mountain, you would have seen on page 5 the names given the mountain by several tribes of Indians living in its neighborhood.

You refer to the action of the legislature of the State of Washington in 1917 in recommending that the name Rainier be changed. If you will read the statement of an Indian named William Bishop, for ten years a member of the

Washington legislature, quoted on page 5 of the document sent you (and of which another copy is enclosed herewith) you may be better able to understand why the request of the Washington legislature was not granted by the Government Geographic Board.

In your letter you say, "If your organization went ahead with its opposition to Indian names, you would have your work cut out to change 1/3 of the names of states, cities, mountains and rivers in this country." Do you think this quite a fair statement in view of the fact that during the 20 years in which I have been a member of the Geographic Board, Indian names have many times been adopted in place of English names, and that no member of the Board has ever recommended the displacement of a definite Indian name by an English name?

Your final statement, written on the margin of your letter, that "Rainier is not even known in English history" shows a pitiful ignorance of British history and of the encyclopedias and biographies treating of the eminent men of the world.

Do you think it becomes a man to announce in the beginning of a letter that he is a believer in truth and then go on to make statements which are wholly contrary to truth?

Hoping that you will do better next time.

Very truly yours,

C. Hart Merriam

January 12, 1925

Mr. F. W. Wilson
Adin, California

My dear Friend:

Your letter about the restrictions put upon Indians by the California game laws is very distressing, but I do not know of any way in which I can help you.

In my opinion, Indians are entitled to the right to hunt and fish for food whenever necessary, but, unfortunately, our state laws do now recognize this right. In California and many other states Indians are arrested the same as white men if they kill game or catch fish contrary to the game laws of the state in which they live. I wish it were in my power to help you in this matter, but it is not.

You and your friends will be glad to know that it now looks as if Congress would give Indians the right to bring suit in the Court of Claims for damages for loss of their lands. This may not be done during the present short session, which ends March 4, but I am told that if it fails this winter it is pretty sure to go through next winter. This is good news.

With kindest regards to your family and friends.

Very truly yours,

C. Hart Merriam

January 12, 1925

Mr. Howard Fuguet
Secretary, Wilderness Club
Philadelphia, Pennsylvania

Dear Mr. Fuguet:

Replying to your kind invitation to attend the Annual Dinner of the Wilderness Club, Saturday, the 17th instant, I regret very much to be obliged to decline. Owing to my age and the condition of my health, I have had to cut out diversions of this sort.

I should greatly enjoy listening to Mayor Collins' account of his recent trip to Africa, and also the pleasure of again meeting a number of your members.

With best wishes for a fine meeting and kindest regards,

Very truly yours,

C. Hart Merriam

January 13, 1925

Mr. William Edward Colby
Mills Building
San Francisco, California

My dear Mr. Colby:

Again I am under obligations to you--for your thoughtful letter of December 18. What you tell me about the killing of a supposed Grizzly Bear at Horse Corral in August, 1922; is most important and I hope it is not too late to substantiate the record. A glance at the skull would tell the tale beyond the slightest possibility of doubt. And furthermore, the value of this skull is beyond words to express. You may not realize the sad fact that of the hundreds of Grizzlies killed in the Sierra, not even the fragment of a skull is known to exist in any museum or private collection from the entire Sierra region between Walker Basin on the south and McCloud River on the north. And since the northern and southern species are wholly distinct from one another, no one knows what species inhabited the intervening region.

During the 35 years in which I have been studying American bears I have succeeded in bringing together in the National Museum more than 2,000 skulls of Grizzlies and the Big Brown Bears of Alaska. Many of these have been presented by sportsmen and others, but the majority have been purchased from hunters and trappers. In the purchase of these you may be

surprised to know that I have expended more than $20,000 of the Fund kindly placed at my disposal by Mrs. E. H. Harriman.

As a result of all this, our National Museum contains more bear skulls than all the other museums of the world put together, so that for all time to come naturalists wishing to study the species of American bears will be obliged of course to make their studies in the National Museum. And it goes without saying, that every specimen is carefully labeled with the exact locality where killed, the sex, when known, and the name of the collector and donor.

In view of all this, you may realize how earnestly I am hoping that Mr. Jesse B. Agnew will secure and present to the Museum the skull of his big bear from Horse Corral.

Glad to know that you agree with the Government Geographic Board in regard to the name of Mount Rainier. Less than a week ago we had a hearing on the subject before the House Committee on Public Lands, but they have not yet voted.

Yes, I have already read parts of Dr. Bade's 'Life and Letters of John Muir,' and hope to read more in the near future. It is a fine contribution and shows what a prominent part Muir had in conserving our most magnificent forests.

As ever yours,

C. Hart Merriam

Would not advise sending to Korea for the skin until we have counter check on it unless sure it is a Grizzly! If the face shows use of [illegible] it is a Grizzly.

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As ever yours,

C. Hart Merriam

Would not advise sending to Kansas for the skin until we have examined skull and make sure it is a Grizzly! If the face shows as long & straight it is a Grizzly. [illegible]

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January 13, 1925

Mr. N. W. Dorsey, Accountant
Smithsonian Institution
Washington, D. C.

Dear Mr. Dorsey:

I have just gone over your account of expenditures under the Harriman Fund during the past year and have checked it up with my account. After making a couple of minor corrections kindly pointed out by you, the two accounts agree exactly to the penny.

I am very much obliged for your statement and appreciate your courtesy in attending to it so promptly.

With best wishes,

Very truly yours,

E. Hart Harriman

January 13, 1925

My dear Miss Eastwood:

Glad you liked the Book of Flowers, although there is not much in it relating to the Westcoast flora.

We were all delighted with the flowering manzanitas you took the trouble to send at Christmastime. They are always a joy and have the advantage of lasting a long time.

Some of the huckleberry and redwood Zenaida brought back with us, and which have been kept in water ever since, are still fresh and attractive, and the huckleberry has actually put out new buds.

It seems incredible that you have found close to a hundred species of flowers in bloom on Tamalpais in December. What a contrast to conditions here, where our whole city and surrounding country are enveloped in snow. Yesterday the snow turned into sleet, resulting in dangerously icy sidewalks and streets.

With best wishes and greetings of the season to you and your associates,

Very truly yours,

E. Hart Harriman

Miss Alice Eastwood
Academy of Sciences
San Francisco, California

January 13, 1925

Publisher, Outdoor Life
Denver, Colorado

Many thanks for your courtesy in sending me duplicate copies of Outdoor Life, beginning with the November number.

Herewith I am enclosing check of $4 in payment of subscription for the usual two copies of Outdoor Life for the year 1925.

Very truly yours,

C. Hart Merriam

January 13, 1925

Mr. Laurence M. Huey
Natural History Museum
San Diego, California

My dear Mr. Huey:

Very many thanks for your papers on the Elephant Seal just received.

Contributions of this kind, illustrated with such excellent photographs, are among the great needs of those of us who are interested in the characters and life histories of our mammals. And your contributions are the more valuable because dealing with a species likely to become extinct in the not distant future.

Your account of the Elephant Seal's proboscis reminds me of the somewhat similar but more inflatable hood of the Hooded Seal (Cystophora cristata), of which I dissected a number of heads when surgeon of the PROTEUS at the Seal Fishery in February and March, 1883. You evidently have not seen my account of the so-called 'Hood' with its immense nasal cartilages, published in Science, Vol.4, No.96, December 5, 1884.

With best wishes,

Very truly yours,

C. Hart Merriam

January 14, 1925

Mr. Stephen Knight
Ukiah, California

My dear Mr. Knight:

Among some Indian clippings recently received from San Francisco is one stating that at a meeting of the Board of Cooperation it had been decided to send another delegation to Washington in the near future. This struck me as a great mistake. Two or three days ago I spoke to Congressman Raker on the subject. He thought it would be the worst kind of a mistake for California Indians to send a delegation here this winter. It would not only be a serious and unnecessary expense but, in his judgment, would be decidedly harmful to the case.

Mr. Raker has the case in hand in regard to obtaining permission for Indians to file a suit in the Court of Claims; and apparently he believes that the Chairman of the Committee is not at the present time averse to granting this permission. In other words, my impression from what he said is that he thinks it possible that the Court of Claims' permission may be had from the present Congress, although this Congress is very busy and comes to an end on March 4. But if there should not be time to consider the case at this Congress he appears to feel reasonably sure that he can put it through during the next Congress. He

was very decided in expressing the view that California Indians ought not to jeopardize their case by sending another delegation to Washington.

In trying to clean up accumulated papers on my desk, I have come across the photographs I took of you and Gillis at my place two or three years ago. I had intended to have enlargements made and sent you but the negatives were so poor that it did not seem worth while, so I am enclosing the small prints in order that you may see for yourself. If you care to have any of them enlarged I will, of course, attend to the matter.

I am enclosing a memorandum concerning certain small valleys on Russian River south of your place. Can you give me their names in your language?

With best wishes to yourself, Mrs. Knight and the children, in which Mrs. Merriam and my daughter Zenaida join, and with kind remembrances to Mr. Benson and Mr. Boseton,

Very truly yours,
C. Hart Merriam

You probably have heard of the adverse decision in the Karok case. This is sad, though not entirely unexpected. Captain Bonnin told me over the phone that they would probably appeal the case to the Supreme Court.

January 14, 1925

Mrs. Lavinia Verrill Howe
409 Edgewood Avenue
New Haven, Connecticut

My dear Mrs. Howe:

Your long and interesting letter came this morning and I have just turned it over to my sister, Mrs. Vernon Bailey, who, unlike myself, knows some of the people who are interesting themselves along the line of work which you are doing. If she succeeds she will write you.

With best wishes,

Very truly yours,

C. Hart Merriam

January 14, 1925

Mr. Herbert Lee
Teuakee, Alaska

My dear Sir

Your letter of December 28 has been forwarded to me from the Biological Survey. In reply would say that owing to the necessity of economizing on expenditures for specimens, I have not been purchasing any bear skulls for a long time and am unable to pay the high prices I used to pay. At the same time I should be glad to obtain the two skulls of male bears in question from near Long Bay on Chichagof Island and if you could sell them for this price would pay $12 each, assuming that they are in fairly good condition.

With best wishes,

Very truly yours,

C. Hart Merriam

January 15, 1925

Mrs. Lucy O. Miller
Guatay, California

My dear Mrs. Miller:

Thanks for your letter of the 8th instant in regard to the name Nagito. I am glad to know its history and, in view of what you say, have little doubt that it was intended for Dagito.

Very truly yours,

C. Hart Merriam

January 15, 1925

Rev. F. G. Collett
Indian Board of Cooperation
3 City Hall Avenue
San Francisco, California

My dear Mr. Collett:

Your circular letter in regard to The Indian Herald has just arrived and I hasten to enclose my check of $2.50 for two copies of the paper or magazine for the ensuing year.

A short time ago I saw in a newspaper clipping the statement that the Board of Cooperation was planning to send another delegation of Indians to Washington during the present session.

I was sorry to see this, believing that such a delegation would necessarily cost a good deal of money without prospect of doing good to the cause. A few days ago I happened to meet Mr. Raker and he expressed in very positive terms his feeling that the cause would be injured instead of helped by the presence here of a delegation of California Indians. He thought it might be possible to put the Court of Claims bill through during the present short session, and seemed to feel that if it did not go through at this time it would likely be passed next winter.

I was pained to learn of the adverse decision in the Karok case.

Very truly yours,

C. Hart Merriam

January 15, 1925

Mr. Lewis James
Ladoga, California

Dear Mr. James:

We are now in the midst of winter and the ground is covered with snow and ice, all of which makes me wish myself back in California.

In the course of a few weeks you will be having spring and I am wondering if you will be able to get me a specimen of the Choo-hel plant. I want very much to see it. Perhaps you could fold it up and send it in the enclosed envelope. Do you remember what time of year it usually comes up?

With best wishes to you all,

Very truly yours,

C. H. Merriam

January 19, 1925

Mr. William E. Colby
Mills Building
San Francisco, Calfornia

Dear Mr. Colby:

Can you spare me two copies of the December-November Sierra Club Circular containing Doctor Bunnell's most interesting account of his airplane trip to Yosemite?

You will be glad to know, if you have not already heard the good news, that we have won out in retaining the name Mount Rainier, the Committee on Public Lands having voted 9 to 4 to table the resolution asking for the change.

Inasmuch as the Tacoma people have failed 4 times before the Government Geographic Board, and now again in their appeal to Congress, I trust the matter will not come up again during my lifetime.

Very truly yours,

C. Hart Merriam

January 19, 1925

Mr. Lindsley W. Ross
Editor, Mazama
Portland, Oregon

My dear Mr. Ross:

The January number of 'Mazama' reached me a few minutes ago. In looking it over I find under the title 'A Note of Warning' a statement of much interest to me.

Authentic records of cougars attacking people are so extremely rare that naturalists are anxious to obtain exact information on each case.

For 45 years I have been collecting data on this subject, and have run down probably no fewer than a hundred published accounts with the result that only one has proved authentic. Therefore, if you can give me any detailed reference as to the case you refer to, I shall be greatly obliged. It is important to have the name of the person attacked or killed and the exact locality; also any accompanying details that may be available.

You doubtless have heard that the name of Mount Rainier is not to be changed.

Very truly yours,

C. Hart Merriam

January 19, 1925

Miss Ruth Benedict
Columbia University
New York City

My dear Miss Benedict:

Thanks for your letter of the 15th instant. I am surprised that the separates of your Serrano article have been so long delayed and shall be exceedingly glad to have 3 or 4 copies if you have so many to spare; otherwise two copies will be useful.

During the recent meeting of the Anthropological Association I spent two half days at the Museum, hoping to meet you, but was not successful.

Am glad to know that your Serrano myths will appear in Folklore. I have a very large number of myths which I have collected from various California tribes during the past 30 or more years, and should be glad to have you look them over at any time when you happen to be in Washington. I had hoped to publish several volumes of these before this, but have been prevented by the pressure of other work--chiefly putting in shape for permanent preservation the result of each season's field work in California. You may not know that I am still spending half of each year in active field work in California, although now in my 70th year.

With best wishes,

Very truly yours,

C. Hart Merriam

January 19, 1925

Mr. G. E. Reynolds
Managing Editor, Stockton Record
Stockton, California

My dear Mr. Reynolds:

Thanks for yours of the 12th instant and for your courtesy in putting me on your mailing list for the Saturday Record for the next six months.

If I ever catch up with the accumulated work, I will send you a little article on California Grizzlies.

Very truly yours,

C. Hart Merriam

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January 22, 1925

Dear Seton:

Yours without date from Queen Anne's Mansions, London, has arrived and, in compliance with your request, I have just written the Honorable W. W. Husband, Commissioner General, making affidavit to certain facts in connection with your residences and migrations, which I trust will clear the matter up to his honorable satisfaction.

Hoping you have had a successful trip abroad, and with best wishes,

Very truly yours,

C. Hart Merriam

Mr. Ernest Thompson Seton
Queen Anne's Mansions
London, England

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January 22, 1925

Hon. W. W. Husband
Commr. General, U.S. Dept. of Labor
Washington, D. C.

Dear Sir:

Ernest Thompson Seton in a letter just received from London states that he is in trouble in regard to returning to the United States, and asks me to send you an affidavit as to his residence in this country.

I have known Ernest T. Seton personally for 42 years, beginning in 1883 when I had him come from Manitoba to my place at Locust Grove in Northern New York for the purpose of making drawings of mammals to illustrate one my books. From 1883 until 1896 he lived part of the time in Canada, part in New York, and while in New York made the natural history illustrations for the Century Dictionary. In 1896 he became a permanent resident of New York and vicinity (including the western border of Connecticut) and has continued to live in this region to the present time.

Very truly yours,

C. Hart Merriam

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 22nd day of January 1925.

W. W. Husband
Notary Public

January 22, 1925

Dr. A. Franklin Shull, Secretary
American Society of Naturalists
Ann Arbor, Michigan

Dear Doctor Shull:

Your letter of the 12th instant came about a week ago. I have delayed replying in order to think the matter over in the hope of discovering some way by which I might serve as President without seriously interfering with the work to which I am under moral obligations to devote my time and energies for the remainder of my life.

Unfortunately, I have not been able to think of any satisfactory way. The main difficulty would be in the way of the presidential address. From past experience I have learned that I cannot count on prepering a satisfactory address in less than six weeks. If the address is not to be published and an informal talk in Indian ideas and stories about animals would not be too trivial, I could prepare such a talk. Or I might give a talk illustrated by lantern slides on the relation of animal colors and markings to environment, which in substance would be practically a repetition of a lecture I gave a number of times 20 or more years ago. There would be little new in this.

If neither of these will answer, which I suspect is the case, I shall be obliged, regretfully, to decline the office.

Very truly yours,

C. Hart Merriam

January 22, 1925

Hon. Howard M. Gore
Secretary of Agriculture
Washington, D. C.

Dear Sir:

This is to inform you of my resignation as representative of the Department of Agriculture on the United States Geographic Board. I have served on this Board for 20 years (for the last 8 years without compensation) and for 8 years have been Chairman of the Board. Pressure of other work is my reason for resigning.

I would suggest that you ask the President to designate Dr. T. S. Palmer of the Biological Survey as my successor to represent the Department of Agriculture.

Respectfully,

C. Hart Merriam

January 27, 1925

Hon. Homer P. Snyder
Chairman Committee on Indian Affairs
House of Representatives

My dear Sir:

Will you kindly have sent to me, at 1919 Sixteenth Street, copies of bills emanating from or approved by your Committee and passed by the present Congress, authorizing Indians to file suits in the Court of Claims?

Very truly yours,

C. Hart Merriam

C. Hart Merriam

January 27, 1925

Mr. John B. Brown
Indian Vocational School
Phoenix, Arizona

My dear Sir:

If not too much trouble, I should appreciate the favor if you will kindly enter me as a subscriber to Native American, and send me a complete file of the publication for the past two or three years, will bill for same, and I will remit promptly.

Very truly yours,

C. Hart Merriam

January 27, 1925

Chief, Visa Office
Department of State
Washington, D. C.

The accompanying letter, which I wrote the Commissioner General of Immigration on January 22, at the request of Ernest T. Seton, now in London, has been returned to me with the information that the jurisdiction in this case is not in his office, and with the suggestion that I forward the letter to you.

Very truly yours,

C. Hart Merriam

January 27, 1925

Prof. George E. Johnson
State Agricultural College
Manhattan, Kansas

Dear Professor Johnson:

Since returning to Washington I have found your letter, which came to me at my summer home at Lagunitas, California, asking for separates of my articles on mammals.

I have just selected a number and am sending them to you by parcels post herewith. Trusting they will reach you safely and that you may find something of interest in them,

Very truly yours,

C. Hart Merriam

January 28, 1925

Mr. C. L. Christensen
Moab, Utah

My dear Sir:

I have been informed that you are one of the best informed men alive as to the boundaries of Utah tribes of Indians.

I am very much interested in this subject and should appreciate the favor if you will kindly tell me about where the dividing line ran between the Utes and Piutes; also, if you happen to know it, the location of the eastern boundary of the Gosenta.

Very truly yours,
C. Hart Merriam

C. Hart Merriam

January 27, 1925

Hon. W. W. Husband
Commr. General of Immigration
U. S. Department of Labor
Washington, D. C.

My dear Mr. Husband:

Thanks for your letter of the 26th instant, in reply to mine of the 22nd instant. Mr. Seton has evidently been misinformed as to the jurisdiction in his case.

Acting on your suggestion, I am forwarding the correspondence to Chief, Visa Office, Department of State.

Very truly yours,
C. Hart Merriam

C. Hart Merriam

January 27, 1925

A. Martinelli
rfax Garage
rfax, California

dear Mr. Martinelli:

Please send me both license papers (white and red) now the license holder in the front part of my car. I want to rward them to the proper authority, in order to secure cense plates for the year 1925.

I wish you would give me an estimate for the following rk on my car, now on storage in your garage:

To clean thoroughly the transmission and differential, washing them out with coal oil and refilling with 600-W.

To stop the leak in the differential housing; it probably needs a new gasket.

To clean and grease the front axles.

To grind the valves.

What I want is a lump estimate for this work. If you nd that any new parts are needed, I expect of course to pay xtra for these.

It may be that the brakes need new linings.

We hope Lagunitas has had more rain this winter than it did a year ago.

With best wishes to you all,

Very truly yours,

C. Hart Merriam

January 27, 1925

Mr. J. G. Klemm
1338 Shrader Street
San Francisco, California

My dear Mr. Klemm:

On receipt of your letter of the 17th instant, I took pleasure in signing and forwarding your nomination for the National Geographic Society, as per instructions.

Enclosed herewith is my check for $3, in payment of the accompanying bill for dues in the Lagunitas Improvement Club from January 1, 1924 to January 1, 1925.

The old question as to why we should continue to pay dues in the Improvement Club while our roads are wholly neglected is still a pertinent question. The upper road, as you of course must know, has been in horrible condition for the past two years and the promised work on it has never been done. The condition of this road when I left Lagunitas the latter part of November was a disgrace to the community.

With best wishes to yourself and Mrs. Klemm, in which Mrs. Merriam and my daughter join,

Very truly yours,

C. Hart Merriam

January 29, 1925

Harr Wegner Publishing Company
San Francisco, California

Dear Sirs:

I shall be obliged if you will send me, with bill for same, a copy of a book entitled, 'Karoc Indian Stories' by Sarah E. Olden.

Very truly yours,
C. Hart Merriam

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January 31, 1925

Mr. James McCormick
Sec. U. S. Geographic Board
Washington, D. C.

Dear Mr. McCormick:

My delay in returning the letters you gave me from J. Neilson Barry, recommending that the name Snake River be changed to Lewis River and suggesting more fitting names for peaks in the neighborhood of Wallowa Lake, Oregon, has been due to continuous pressure of important work. I am returning the letters and accompanying papers herewith.

I would be hard to change a name in such general use as that of Snake River, even though the name Lewis River has priority and is still used on many maps. I would suggest that for the present the Board take no action.

As to the mountains about Wallowa Lake, there would seem to be no objection to fixing the name Chief Joseph Mountain to the mountain locally known as Joseph Mountain and Tunnel Mountain. When I was there some years ago, Chief Joseph was camped with a large body of his tribe at the foot of the Lake and I saw a Mountain Lion run up the mountain and disappear over the summit ridge.

The suggestion that the fine mountain at the head of the Lake, called by the trivial name Middle Mountain on a

J. McCormick -2

Forest Service map, be changed to Mount Bonneville strikes me as excellent. But the desirability of changing the name of Signal Peak to Mount Howard seems less apparent, although the name Howard would be by no means inappropriate because of the conspicuous part played by General Howard in the pursuit and capture of Chief Joseph.

Very truly yours,
C. Hart Merriam

January 31, 1925

The Honorable
The Secretary of State

The Ex-Chairman of the U. S. Geographic Board desires to apolcgize to the Secretary of State for delay in acknowledging his communication of December 27 last, referring to the change of name of Christiana, Norway, to Oslo. The name Oslo was adopted by the Board, but the documents in the case were mislaid.

Respectfully,

February 3, 1925

Dear Seton:

As I wrote you on January 22, I immediately complied with your request by sending an affidavit to Honorable W. W. Husband, Commissioner General of Immigration. In reply he stated that his office had no authority in the matter and referred me to the Department of State, to whom I wrote at once.

The accompanying letter in regard to the matter from Coert du Bois, Chief, Visa Office, arrived by today's mail and will, I trust, remove any difficulty real or imaginary affecting your return to the United States.

With best wishes,

Very truly yours,

Mr. Ernest Thompson Seton
Queen Anne's Mansions
London, England

February 3, 1925

Mr. E. Mallinckrodt, Jr.
St. Louis, Missouri

Dear Mr. Mallinckrodt:

Replying to your letter of January 27, would say that the only way I know of for Mr. Val.Fynn to get a permit for extra bears on Alaska Peninsula is through Dr. E. W. Nelson, Chief of the Biological Survey.

I resigned from the Survey 15 years ago and, not being in entire agreement with the present administration in regard to game law matters and so on, do not feel that I would be likely to be of assistance in the matter.

Your moving pictures of African game animals must be fascinating and I have no doubt that you have attained a high degree of proficiency in this very difficult kind of work. I should like mightily to see your pictures.

Regretting that I do not see any way to help you in the matter of Mr. Fynn's permit, and with kind regards,

Very truly yours,

C. Hart Merriam

Feb. 4,1925

Mr N. W. Dorsey, Accountant
Smithsonian Institution

Dear Mr Dorsey:

Herewith I am enclosing my expense account for the [illegible] month of January, amounting to $38.15; and also vouchers for [illegible] Mrs Ruth Hall, stenographer, $125; Zenaida Merriam, assistant, $63; and Minnix, file cases, $107.64, all of which kindly pay [illegible] from the Harriman fund.

Very truly yours,

C. Hart Merriam

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	Expense account for January 1925		
Jan. 7	Box carbon paper	1	1 40
" 14	Allen's Press Clipping Bureau (Indian clippings)	2	3 00
" 17	C. G. Stott, stationery,	3	85
" 21	Morrison Paper Co. 100 9x12 Manilla env,	4	2 00
" 23	C. V. Mosby Co., Wall, Ancient Religions	5	10 00
" 31	Florence Johnson, cleaning office rooms, Dec.10 to Jan.31, $5; Whitening file room $3	6	8 00
	Stamped envelopes and postage		2. 30
	Gas Dec.23 to Jan.26 $13.40 (1/3)	7	4 47
	Electric current Dec.19 to Jan.20 $18.38 (1/3)	8	6 13
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C. Hart Merriam

February 6, 1925

Hon. N. J. Sinnott,
Chairman, Committee on Public Lands
House of Representatives

My dear Mr. Sinnott:

Many thanks for your courtesy in sending me a number of copies of the recent Hearing before your Committee on the proposed change of name of Mount Rainier.

Very truly yours,
C. Hart Merriam

February 6, 1925

Librarian, Marine Biological Laboratory
Woods Hole, Massachusetts

Dear Sir:

Several weeks ago I received from the Marine Biological Laboratory a postcard asking if I would "pledge myself" to send you a set of reprints of my publications.

It is against my principles to pledge myself to do anything, but I am entirely willing to send your library a large number of my publications, provided there is any likelihood that they would be preserved and would be of service to your students.

My publications are not in the line of marine biology, but relate chiefly to mammals, birds, plants, and Indians. If you will let me know whether or not you would care for publications along any of these lines, I shall be glad to send you a batch.

Very truly yours,
C. Hart Merriam

February 6, 1925

Dr. Sterling Bunnell
San Francisco, California

Dear Doctor Bunnell:

You were mighty kind to send me that beautiful picture of John Muir, and so appropriately framed, wire and all, ready for hanging! I shall always prize it.

We won out in retaining the name Mount Rainier for our grandest mountain. The Tacoma people appeared 4 times before the Government Geographic Board without success, and finally appealed to Congress with the same result. I am wondering what they will do next, after they tire of their present campaign of abuse.

We were all greatly interested in your account of your flight over Yosemite, as published in the Sierra Club leaflet. Our only feeling of regret was that you are still keeping up the dangerous habit.

We have had more than a month of snow and ice, but the last day or two have taken the remnants off from all but the shady places in the city.

The belt you had made for me, in connection with the exercises, has proved most helpful and I have had only two troublesome spells since leaving California--both of these due to standing and lifting.

With kindest regards from all of us to you and Miss Bane,

As ever yours,

C. Hart Merriam

Feb,8,1925

Mr Ernest Hamlin Abbott
Editor of the Outlook

Dear Sir:

I am surprised and grieved that you should be willing to degrade The OUTLOOK and at the same time mislead uninformed readers by the publication of such an unjust article as Gregg's attack on the Forest Service in the current issue.

Those of us who have watched the progress and activities of the Forest Service during the last quarter of a century believe it to be one of the strongest and most useful of the Government bureaus, and deeply resent the implication of dishonesty which the article conveys.

Very truly yours,

C. Hart Merriam

February 13, 1925

Dr. David White, Sec.
National Academy of Sciences
Washington, D. C.

Dear Doctor White:

Replying to your recent letter asking for suggestions as to communications to be presented at the next meeting of the Academy, would say that I have no suggestions to offer under this head, but a rather important one under another head.

At the last meeting, you may remember, the session was opened by a prayer or something of the sort by a Christian minister. This was not only an uncalled-for innovation, but was extremely distasteful to Jewish members and to a very considerable number of eminent scientific men who are not addicted to any particular religion.

Being a mild-mannered man, I abstain from the language that would seem appropriate to a matter of this sort, but merely wish to call your attention to the extremely ill-advised and inappropriate affair so that it may never occur again.

With best wishes,

Very truly yours,

C. Hart Merriam

February 13, 1925

Mrs. T. H. Montgomery, Jr.
Marine Biological Laboratory
Woods Hole, Massachusetts

My dear Mrs. Montgomery:

Replying to your letter of the 9th instant, in answer to mine of the 6th, would say that I am sending your library a package of separates of my publications on mammals, together with a few on other subjects. I have not yet looked up my bird separates but can send you a number of these if you care for them.

I am glad to know that the Laboratory has developed so remarkably since the period when I worked there under Baird and Verrill in 1875.

Very truly yours,

C. Hart Merriam

February 13, 1925

Hon. John E. Raker
House of Representatives
Washington, D. C.

My dear Mr. Raker:

A clipping recently sent me from a California paper states that you have introduced a bill or an amendment in behalf of California Indians. I shall be greatly obliged if you will kindly send me a copy of the bill in question.

Very truly yours,

C. Hart Merriam

February 14, 1925

Mr. J. B. Agnew
Visalia, California

My dear Sir:

Very many thanks for your interesting letter of January 23, relating to the Grizzly Bear you killed at Horse Corral Meadows.

You were very kind and thoughtful to send me one of its teeth. This tooth in itself is sufficient to prove beyond doubt that the bear was a Grizzly. It is the lower canine of what appears to be an adult female Grizzly and therefore increases the importance of securing the skull.

I most earnestly hope that after the snow goes away you will be able to find the remains of the bear. The skull is of the utmost importance, but all of the bones would be well worth saving.

I appreciate your courtesy in offering to send me a claw from the skin, now in Korea. This would hardly be worth while inasmuch as we now know that the animal was certainly a Grizzly.

Do you remember the date of killing of this bear?

I have had several communications in regard to the Giant Forest Grizzly and am hoping that in case he is killed, we may be able to secure the skull, and skin if possible, for our National Museum.

May we keep the tooth you sent?

Very truly yours,

C. Hart Merriam

February 16, 1925

Mrs. C. L. Young
Orleans, California

My dear Mrs. Young:

A few years ago, according to a statement I have recently seen, a little girl playing near her home on Klamath River was killed by a Panther or Mountain Lion. Do you know if this is true? If so, I shall be obliged if you will kindly tell me where the child lived, and at what season of year she was attacked; also the year, if you know it.

For the past two years I have been hoping to visit your region again, but have been prevented by the necessity for field work in other parts of the State. If I have good luck, I shall make the Klamath River trip again during the coming season.

With kind regards,

Very truly yours,

C. Hart Merriam

February 17, 1925

Postmaster
Branscomb, Calif.
Dear Sir:

Will you kindly tell me if there is a road from Branscomb down South Fork Eel River and, if so, where it connects with the Redwood Highway in the neighborhood of Rattlesnake Creek? Is this road passable for automobiles? I do not mean at this time of year, but say in June or July.

Very truly yours,
C. Hart Merriam

February 19, 1925

Hon. John E. Raker
House of Representatives
Washington, D. C.

My dear Mr. Raker:

Very many thanks for your kindness in sending me copies of the Bill introduced by you authorizing California Indians to submit claims to the Court of Claims, together with the report of the Committee on Indian Affairs.

I am very glad to know that you have succeeded in securing the approval of the Committee on Indian Affairs, and earnestly hope that you may be able to obtain favorable action by Congress during the present congested session.

With best wishes,

Very truly yours,

C. Hart Merriam

February 19, 1925

Hon. Elmer Thomas
House of Representatives
Washington, D. C.

My dear Sir:

Replying to your inquiry of the 16th instant in regard to motion picture films of an educational nature supplied by the Department of Agriculture, would say that the Department has lantern slide material and I am told also certain motion picture films illustrating various phases of the work of the Department.

I would suggest that you write the Secretary of Agriculture, asking for a list of their slides and motion pictures.

In case your constituents desire films illustrating special branches of the work of the Department, such as the Biological Survey, the Bureau of Plant Industry, and the Forest Service, it might be well for you to address also the Chiefs of these Bureaus.

Very truly yours,

C. Hart Merriam

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February 20, 1925

Major Milo P. Fox
Corps of Engineers
Washington, D. C.

Dear Sir:

Your communication of the 17th instant, transmitting matter and blueprint map relating to the nomenclature of certain channels in Tampa Harbor, reached me this morning and I am forwarding the same to Mr. Frank Bond, Chief Clerk of the Land Office, my successor as Chairman of the U. S. Geographic Board. He will doubtless attend to the matter and bring it before the next meeting of the Geographic Board, and you will be notified of the result.

Very truly yours,

C. Hart Merriam

February 20, 1925

Mr. Frank Bond, Chairman
U. S. Geographic Board
Washington, D. C.

Dear Mr. Bond:

Herewith I am enclosing a letter, with accompanying maps and description, just received from Major Milo P. Fox, Corps of Engineers, and am assuming that you or Mr. McCormick will attend to the matter.

With best wishes,

Very truly yours,

C. Hart Merriam

February 24, 1925

Dr. Wilfred H. Osgood
Field Museum of Natural History
Chicago, Illinois

Dear Osgood:

Your obituary of Hollister in the last number of the Journal of Mammalogy, received a day or two ago, is so full of appreciative feeling and so admirably expressed that I feel impelled to let you know how much I like it and how glad I am that you wrote it.

To all of us here Hollister's loss is a very real one.

With best wishes,

As ever yours,

C. Hart Merriam

February 24, 1925

Harold Surgical Corporation
115 Fulton Street
New York City

In compliance with your price list just received, I am enclosing herewith my check for $19.50, for which please send me one of your Government Field Cabinets (trunk and drawers) as advertised.

Please address Doctor C. Hart Merriam, 1919 Sixteenth St. [redacted], Washington, D. C.

Very truly yours,

C. Hart Merriam

February 25, 1925

Major John C. H. Lee
Corps of Engineers
War Department
Washington, D. C.

My dear Sir:

Pardon my delay in sending you the promised corrections and comments on the California Quadrangles recently issued by the Corps of Engineers. The delay has been due to the fact that since my return from California I have been overwhelmed with work--almost to the breaking point--and the detailed examination of these map sheets has naturally required a good deal of time. And although I have devoted a number of days to their examination, a number of points have doubtless been overlooked. Furthermore, some of the Northwest Coast sheets, as well as those in Southern California, cover areas in which my field work was done so long ago (30 to 38 years ago) that my memory as to geographic details is hazy.

The titles of several of the sheets are puzzling, and in some cases misleading, failing to give any clue as to where the place is. For instance, it is hard to imagine how such an unfortunate name as Glynn, instead of Scotia, could have originated; I hope it is not too late to change it. Saddle Point is another example, and there are several more--usually indicated in the accompanying notes.

As a general criticism, it may be remarked that many valleys and numerous mountains are not named. Inasmuch as the names of these features are in everyday use by the inhabitants and would naturally form the most important part of answers given to inquiries concerning locations, they would seem to be of value to the War Department.

The overlay of red, indicating cultivated land, and green, indicating forest land, is so deep that in many cases it obscures the contours, or at least makes them difficult to read. These sheets therefore are not adapted for platting other data and I would greatly appreciate a set with the overlay omitted.

Some of the names are at variance with the decisions of the U. S. Geographic Board, as for instance Phillipsville, a nonexistent settlement, instead of Kettintelbe, the name of the former Indian village, adopted several years ago by the Geographic Board. A similar case is Myers, the name of a man who has established a roadhouse at the place Kenteschobe.

I am enclosing a list of the sheets mentioned on the margins of other sheets, but of which no copies were received by me. I should be glad to have as many of these as you can spare.

But the sheets of greatest interest, and which I fear have not been finished, are the following four, the designations of which I can only guess at:

First, the Cloverdale-Hopland sheet, covering the gap between the Healdsburg and Ukiah Quadrangles, thus completing

Russian River Valley.

Second, the one east of Dyerville and north of Harris (probably named Eel Rock Quadrangle), covering the section of Eel River between Brock Creek and Sequoia and extending thence northward.

Third, the Mt.St.Helena-Calistoga quadrangle, between the Healdsburg and Pope Valley sheets.

Fourth or remaining sheet of high importance, the one north of Lower Lake Quadrangle and east of Lakeport Quadrangle, covering East Bay or Sulphurbank Arm of Clear Lake, and extending northward to the neighborhood of Bartlett Mountain and Bartlett Springs.

I earnestly hope that your office is going to complete these intensely interesting sheets.

You can hardly appreciate how much I prize these Engineer Corps maps and what a practical help they are to me in my work of platting the distribution of animals and plants, and even more particularly in platting the boundaries of the various tribes of California Indians. For many years I have tried to persuade the Geological Survey to extend their map work over the mountain region of Northwestern California, but they were always tied up with the large scale irrigation maps of the valleys. I had abandoned hope of living long enough to see reasonably accurate maps of this region, when suddenly your splendid series dropped into my lap. You can hardly realize what it means to me, after spending so many years of my life in field work in this region, to be provided unexpectedly with the means of

platting my results with so much more accuracy than was possible on the crude maps heretofore available.

If I can be of any further assistance to you in the matter, you will of course let me know. It may be that there are some points you would like to discuss with me personally. If so, I shall be very glad to see you or any of your Corps at any time at my home (1919 Sixteenth St.). In case you come, please 'phone me in advance. My 'phone is Potomac 3886.

In the accompanying manuscript the sequence of quadrangles adopted, perhaps unfortunately, is beginning at the North and taking up the sheets from West easterly in each tier. I would have adopted the alphabetic arrangement except for the misleading titles on several of the sheets.

Have you a key map similar to the key map of the Geological Survey, showing what quadrangles have been surveyed? If so, I should greatly appreciate a copy.

Very truly yours,

C. Hart Merriam

CORRECTIONS AND COMMENTS ON SOME OF THE ENGINEER CORPS' MAP SHEETS OF CALIFORNIA--By C. Hart Merriam

CRESCENT CITY QUADRANGLE:

New Cliff Highway, continuation of Redwood Highway, not shown. It skirts the high sea cliffs from Wilson Creek to the sand beach south of Crescent City.

TRINIDAD QUADRANGLE:

Patricks Point is cluttered with names--Bight Tree, Patricks Pinnacle, Castle, and Sugarloaf. This part of the coast is commonly known as Patricks Point.

EUREKA QUADRANGLE:

New highway across the flat from Eureka to Arcata, not shown.

KORBEL QUADRANGLE:

New highway from Blue Lake to Green Point and Berrys Ranch on Redwood Creek, not shown. Completed several years ago.

ROHNERVILLE QUADRANGLE:

Letter F in Fortuna defective. Looks funny to title sheet Rohnerville, a very small place not on the highway, when Fortuna on same sheet is so much larger and on the highway. Similarly, seems pity to have name Table Bluff, an insignificant settlement (not even postoffice), when Table Bluff on next sheet west is so well known.

KNEELAND QUADRANGLE: [No comment]

PILOT CREEK (Advance Sheet):

Name Eastman Creek not shown. Runs westerly in 21 to 24.

CAPE FORTUNAS QUADRANGLE: Why not call this sheet by the name of the best known town and feature, Ferndale?

Indian settlement on south shore of Humboldt Bay not indicated.

Big wireless station at Table Bluff not indicated.

CAPE MENDOCINO QUADRANGLE:

Stingley Creek (first creek south of Cape)--correct to Singley.

GLYNN QUADRANGLE: Why this unheard-of name? Why not Scotia, which everybody knows?

From Upper Mattole (location of Roscoe ranch and others) a splendid scenic graded road crossing Elk Ridge to Bull Creek is not shown.

DYERVILLE QUADRANGLE:

Myers, place in loop of South Fork Eel River near south end of map, change to Kenteschobe, the name Myers being that of a roadhouse, not the locality.

Elk Creek--name omitted. Elk Creek is the stream flowing south to the apex of the loop just northeast of Kenteschobe.

Bolling Memorial Grove, a Redwood grove, situated at mouth of Elk Creek.

POINT DELGADA QUADRANGLE:

Name Ritters Ranch printed twice.

BRICELAND QUADRANGLE:

Phillipsville, on east side of South Fork Eel River in northern part of sheet, change to Kettintelbe, the name of the old Indian village situated on the ground occupied by the so-called Phillipsville ranch. There never was any village or settlement of any kind (except a single house) at this point after the abandonment of the old Indian village.

2-1/4 miles south of Garberville, at point where highway crosses mouth of East Branch South Fork Eel River, 8 black dots are shown on the south side of South Fork Eel opposite the bridge. There is no settlement at this point.

HARRIS QUADRANGLE: [Not seen] (See Appendix, p.15)

HOAGLIN (Advance Sheet):

Caution (east central part of sheet) is old location. Several years ago it was moved about 4 miles SSW to southern part of township 31, to exact spot where a little black square stands at end of word South.

The road from Zenia northeasterly to Hettenshaw Valley is not shown.

Names of 3 creeks just north of Horseshoe Bend not given.

CAPE VIZCAINO QUADRANGLE:

Name Cottaneva is commonly spelled Cottoneva. [Same on Westport Quadrangle.] From Indian name, Kah'te-neiva.

CUMMINGS QUADRANGLE:

The main Redwood Highway following Rattlesnake Creek from Cummings to South Fork Eel River is not shown at all. It has been stated that during the past two seasons more than 300 automobiles passed over this road every day.

The stream in northern part of map, labeled East Branch South Fork, is commonly called Elkhorn Creek, the southeast branch of East Branch, but as it is the longest branch it seems is better to retain the name East Branch

COVELO QUADRANGLE: [Not seen] (See Appendix, p.12-14)

BRANSCOMB QUADRANGLE:

It would be useful to print the name Signal Mountain in the open space northeast of Branscomb, this being the dominant landmark of the sheet. [Contour topographic station]

I am glad to see that you have shown Strong Mountain (Indian name Boo-tah'-danno) and Bucha Ridge (Indian name Besshā'), as these important features are not usually shown on maps.

LAYTONVILLE QUADRANGLE: [Not seen] (See Appendix, p.15)

FT. BRAGG QUADRANGLE: [No comment]

GLENBLAIR QUADRANGLE: [No comment]

WILLITS QUADRANGLE:

Dutch Henry Creek (Indian name Tabó or Tabbo) appears on this sheet as a tributary to Willits Creek. This is an error. It belongs on the next sheet north, which I have not [Laytonville Quadrangle, Appendix, p.15.]

yet seen. It rises in Strong Mountain, 4 or 5 miles south of Cahto, and flows southeasterly to Long Valley Creek, which it joins about a mile northwest of Longvale. Dutch Henry Creek shown in right place on adjoining sheet, but not named.

Outlet Creek is spelled on this sheet as two words--"Out Let".

There appears to be trouble in the Sherwood Creek region, ~~but the next sheet north is needed in order to clear this up.~~ [Three lines illegible above name] I am not personally familiar with the locality where Sherwood Creek enters Outlet Creek, but Mendocino County maps show the mouth as farther north. Doubtless your map is correct. The principal tributary of Sherwood Creek, locally known as Curley Cow Creek, is from the Indian name Kul'-le-kow.

An important road is not shown. Going north, it leaves the highway 4 miles south of Willits, runs northeasterly and northerly to the highest-up ranch on Fullweiter Creek, where it becomes continuous with one of the old roads to Willits.

Tomkey Creek in northeastern corner of sheet--correct to Tomki.

Several mountains and creeks on this sheet are not named, and Walker Valley on Forsythe Creek (containing Ridgewood Ranch) is not named.

POMO QUADRANGLE:

'Lalleys' (northern part of map)--correct to Lierly's, a well-known summer resort at west base of Sanhedrin Mountain. The name of this conspicuous and widely known mountain is omitted.

Tomkey Creek on the west side of the sheet, should be Tomki.

In Potter Valley the name Pomo is printed under the Indian village on the west side of the valley. The place Pomo, well-known for many years, is on the east side, on the road just

5 miles east of the present Indian village called Pomo on your map.

Would it not be helpful to print the name Potter Valley on this mountain valley, say about an inch south of the Indian village? At present the name occurs only as that of the little settlement in the northern part of the Valley.

HULLVILLE QUADRANGLE:

The river flowing westerly south of Hullville, and labeled South Eel River, is the main Eel. The word 'south' was cut out by the Geographic Board sometime ago.

Since many of your maps show the location of Forest Service Ranger stations, you might care to indicate Elk Mountain station, a rather important one situated about half a mile south of the summit of Elk Mountain.

ALBION QUADRANGLE: [No comment]

SADDLE POINT QUADRANGLE: No comment. Why Saddle Point? Don't find any such place on map and never heard of it. Why not call it Navarro, so people might know where it is?

ORRS QUADRANGLE: No comment, except to wonder why it was not named after Booneville, which is so much better known.

UKIAH QUADRANGLE:

The small Indian reservation on Ackerman Creek northwest of the city Ukiah is wellknown locally as Pinoleville.

The name Miyakma Mountains should be printed along the summit of the range east of Russian River, and the name Cow Mountain on the culminating high northern end of the range

between Ukiah and Cold Creek.

Yokiah Valley is one of the striking valleys of the State. It is 10 miles long and in places 2 or 2½ wide. It might be convenient to many map users if the name were printed on the map.

It might be worth while also to print the name Russian River Mountains on the range west of Russian River from Ukiah south.

LAKEPORT QUADRANGLE:

Scott Creek, W and NW of Clear Lake, flows northerly and formerly emptied into Tule Lake (now drained and planted in beans). The Lakeport Quadrangle shows it as continuing to the north and running up the side of the mountain north of the flat once occupied by Tule Lake.

The present State Highway from Hopland on Russian River to Lakeport on Clear Lake is only roughly indicated by dotted lines. It is a fine road.

Lower Blue Lake, on the west edge of the map, failed to catch the blue color.

The conspicuous conical hill on the east side of Clear Lake, known as Floyd Hill, is shown, but not named. It is the point guarding the north entrance of the strait connecting the main body of the Lake with East Bay and Lower Lake, and is obliquely opposite Soda Bay.

The peninsula on the south side of the Lake projecting northward toward Floyd Hill is known as Buckingham Point.

The present splendid highway connecting Upper Lake Village with Ukiah and passing the Blue Lakes is indicated only in part by the old road.

On the west side of the main Lake, the lower or shore road north of Lakeport is shown in dotted lines, as if a poor road. It is now the main road north from Lakeport.

Would it not be well to print the name Saint Turebius Mission on the road running parallel to the south shore of the western part of the Lake?

The name Wilson Valley printed on or near the top of the mountain north of Clear Lake may be all right, but I never heard of it.

[Sheet east of Clear Lake not seen, probably not finished. It is a very important sheet, covering Sulphurbank Arm of Clear Lake and the country thence north to Bartlett Mountain and east to or beyond Long Valley.]

POINT ARENA QUADRANGLE: [No comment]

ORNBAUN QUADRANGLE: [No comment]

HOPLAND TO CLOVERDALE QUADRANGLE: [Not seen]

KELSEYVILLE QUADRANGLE:

Mount Konocti in northeastern corner of sheet should be spelled Konokti.

The place marked Hot Springs on the upper part of Big Sulphur Creek is commonly called 'The Geysers'.

Little Sulphur Creek on your map has two names. The name Pocket Valley Creek should be removed.

The road from Geysers to Middletown via Cobb Mountain Gap is not shown.

LOWER LAKE QUADRANGLE:

The name "Clear Lake" should be changed to Lower Lake, as the term Clear Lake is applied only to the main body of the Lake, as shown on the Lakeport sheet.

The name Cobb Mountain is printed well down on the eastern slope of the mountain instead of on top.

The name Konookti Landing should be spelled Konokti.

The road on the east side of the Lake running northwest from Burns Valley (name not on your map) to Borax Lake is the regular road to Sulphur Bank and should be continued, rising on the east side of Borax Lake and climbing the ridge, which it follows easterly to the eastern part of East Bay.

The island near the south end of the Lake, shown but not named, is Koi-e Island (Koi'e).

[redacted]

PLANTATION QUADRANGLE (Stewarts Point): [No comment].

SKAGGS QUADRANGLE: [No comment].

HEALDSBURG QUADRANGLE:

The name Mount Fitch is on the wrong side of the river and should be shifted nearly an inch to the northwest.

It would be convenient if the well-known name Alexander Valley were printed on the east side of Russian River between Geyserville and the mountains at the bend (place now occupied by the words 'Russian River' which, if necessary, might be transferred to the opposite side).

The mountains on the northeastern corner of the sheet are a part of the Miyakma Range.

Map shows the old road from Montepulciano winery to Lytton. The present State Highway in passing north from Healdsburg crosses over the railroad track by means of a high concrete bridge at the forks of the road 9/10ths of a mile south of Lytton crossing, continuing northward in a straight line, keeping west of Lytton station.

[MT. SAINT HELENA Sheet not seen. Perhaps not finished.]

POPE VALLEY QUADRANGLE:

Names Howell Mountain and Berryessa Valley omitted.

CAPAY QUADRANGLE:

Name Capay Valley absent.

The new road following Putah Creek from Monticello to Winters, instead of continuing south to the bend of the river where the bank is falling away dangerously, turns easterly up the canyon about 1½ miles south of Monticello and runs easterly and southeasterly around the mountain, coming back

to the old road in the dotted road indicated on your map 4-3/4 miles southeast of Monticello (the westernmost of the two dotted roads).

Name Berryessa Valley omitted.

DUNCAN MILLS QUADRANGLE:

Southeast corner: Estero de San Antonio should be changed to Estero Americano. [See note at bottom of Sebastopol Quadrangle.]

SEBASTOPOL QUADRANGLE:

On Coast, Estero San Antonio should be changed to Estero Americano.

Estero del Americano or Tomales, should be changed to Estero San Antonio.

Note on these Esteros: The name Estero Americano was early applied to Tomales Bay. It was so used by de Mofras in 1844 (on his chart 17) and his usage was followed by Tyson in 1850 and also by Ringgold, likewise 1850. Its use for Tomales Bay was then abandoned and for the past 50 years it appears to have been applied generally to the Estero next south of Bodega Bay.

The Estero next south of this, labeled 'Estero de Americano or Tomales' on your map, is usually called Estero San Antonio. The name is a little unfortunate for the reason that there is a San Antonio Creek, flowing in the opposite direction (east instead of west) which forms part of the boundary between Marin and

Sonoma Counties and empties into Petaluma Creek. The usage of the names Estero Americano and Estero San Antonio, as here recommended, is that of most current maps, including the large Irrigation Map of Northern California of 1922, as revised and redrawn by the California State Department of Engineering, the State Water Commission, and the College of Agriculture.

Going back 100 years, we find that Payeras in his 'Noticias sobre Ross,' 1822 (Spanish MS in Bancroft Library), states that after going northwest and north from Olompali to Arroyo de San Antonio [the present Estero San Antonio, as above described] he continued northerly and northwesterly to Estero del Americano [located as above described] and thence over steep hills and south to the shore of Bodega Bay--showing that the names and locations of these Esteros, as here given and at present shown on current maps, were in use more than 100 years ago.

MAP SHEETS IN HILLS WEST OF SACRAMENTO VALLEY

PASKENTA (Advance Sheet):

Thomas Creek--correct to Thoms Creek (in one place printed correctly).

Heipher Camp Creek--correct to Heifer Camp Creek (SW of Newville).

Lowrey, usually spelled Lowry, but I don't know which is right.

Newville--What is the name of the Creek on which Newville is situated?

FLOYD (Advance Sheet): Where is Floyd? Don't find it on map.

Thomas Creek--correct to Thoms Creek.

Heipher Camp Creek--correct to Heifer Camp Creek.

ELK CREEK QUADRANGLE:

Chrome--better add Milsap, the place being usually known as Milsap.

Heipher Camp Trail--correct to Heifer Camp Trail.

Oriental--Forest Service station situated at Alder Springs. Name Oriental abandoned years ago.

FRUTO QUADRANGLE:

The city of Fruto, shown on the map, is only a dream city--never was built. Present settlement consists of an insignificant railroad station and two or three small houses.

WILLOWS QUADRANGLE: [Not seen]

STONY FORD QUADRANGLE (South of Elk Creek): [Not seen]

VENADO QUADRANGLE:

Road from Wilbur Hot Springs, running easterly and southeasterly to Cortina Creek and Rumsey, is not shown.

Bear Creek is shown in two parts (interrupted in middle of Bear Valley); its southward continuation toward junction with Cache Creek is so little indicated that it might be mistaken for a branch running in opposite direction.

REIFF QUADRANGLE: Name on quadrangle, but not on place known as Reiff (former postoffice).

Junction of Bear Creek with Cache Creek not indicated. This is a rather important location.

RUMSEY QUADRANGLE: [No comment]

CAPAY QUADRANGLE: [See page 10]

MT. VACA QUADRANGLE:

Name Ualtis Creek, on east edge of sheet--correct to Ulatis Creek. Misspelling probably due to following old Geological Survey sheet. Letter c in word Encinosa cut by contour, so as to look like letter e.

VACAVILLE QUADRANGLE: [Not seen]

APPENDIX RELATING TO HARRIS, LAYTONVILLE, AND COVELO SHEETS

(Received since the foregoing was written)

HARRIS QUADRANGLE:

Creek entering Eel River from west about ½ mile north of Cain Rock railroad crossing, probably Mill Creek.

Jewett Creek, entering Eel River about a mile south of Cain Rock, shown but not named.

Price Creek, entering west side Eel River next south of Jewett station, called Pipe Creek on some maps.

Pine Creek, entering southwest corner of Horseshoe Bend, shown but not named.

Where did you find the names of two creeks south of Kekawaka Creek, namely, Queatchumpah and Boulder?

LAYTONVILLE QUADRANGLE:

Dutch Henry Creek--name omitted. Enters Long Valley (or Longvale) Creek 1½ mile above its junction with Outlet Creek.

Name South Eel River--strike out South, this being the continuous main part of main Eel River (word South cut out by Geographic Board several years ago).

COVELO QUADRANGLE:

Raft Creek, in NW corner of map, tributary to Eel River from SW--name omitted.

Tributary from NE--name omitted. This is a long stream well shown on the sheet to the north--the Hoaglin sheet.

Horse Ranch Creek, tributary to main Eel from east about 3/4 mile north of mouth of North Fork--no place for it shown on map. It is about midway between Ramsey and mouth of North Fork.

McDonald Creek: Creek on east side Eel River two miles southwest of mouth of North Fork--creek and name omitted.

Big Bend Creek: Creek on east side Eel River midway between Blue Rock Creek and Spy Rock--creek and name omitted.

February 27, 1925

Mr. L. L. Shimer

Fairfax, California

My dear Sir:

Thanks for your letter of the 18th instant in which you estimate the cost of work on my car, as itemized in my letter of January 27, at $20.

I accept your estimate and shall be glad to have you do the work as indicated. In case any new parts are needed, I shall of course expect to pay for them extra at cost.

We will let the break linings go for the present.

Very truly yours,

C. Hart Merriam

Took out license today I guess, left in the house at inquiries.

February 27, 1925

Mr. I. P. Berthrong, Chief
Drafting Div., General Land Office
Interior Department
Washington, D. C.

Dear Mr. Berthrong:

Very many thanks for your kindness in sending me a photostat copy of the township plat showing the name Chamise Creek (which should be spelled Chemise) on the headwaters of the stream erroneously named Blue Rock Creek where it joins Eel River.

It is a pity that such a large proportion of the streams indicated on the Land Office plats are left without names.

Thanking you for your courtesy in the matter,

Very truly yours,

C. Hart Merriam

February 28, 1925

Mr. Maynard Shipley, President
Science League of America
948 Market Street
San Francisco, California

My dear Mr. Shipley:

Owing to pressure of accumulated work, I have not been able until last evening to read your circular letter stating the objects of the Science League. A careful reading shows that my first impression was erroneous and I am glad to become a member. I enclose herewith my dues for the first year (check on Crocker Bank for $3).

On first glancing at the circular I feared it was another move along the line of certain published announcements, issued a year or so ago and signed jointly by several rather conspicuous naturalists, to the effect that there exists no conflict between science and the dogmas of religion. This seemed to me a very foolish and wholly uncalled-for announcement, indicating a panicky if not hysterical state of mind, issued in the hope of pacifying a certain class.

Changing the subject: I wonder if you are aware of the fact that there are today in the United States more than two hundred thousand ministers and preachers paid to spread the propaganda of the Christian church. Has the world ever before seen a propaganda like this?

With best wishes for the success of the League,
Very truly yours,
C. Hart Merriam

February 28, 1925

Professor I. F. Lewis
University of Virginia
Charlottesville, Virginia

My dear Professor Lewis:

Doctor Shull writes me that you may be willing to arrange the symposium for the next meeting of the American Society of Naturalists. This is good news and I shall be very glad if you will kindly attend to the matter.

There are two reasons why I am unable to attend to this myself: 1. That I am not personally acquainted with the men and interests; 2. That I expect to be engaged in field work in California until December.

With best wishes,

Very truly yours,
C. Hart Merriam

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February 28, 1925

Dr. A. Franklin Shull, Secretary
American Society of Naturalists
520 Linden Street
Ann Arbor, Michigan

Dear Doctor Shull:

Many thanks for your letters of February 17 and 25.

You have cleared the road for me to such an extent that I am bound to accept the Presidency and shall be very glad to give a talk on Indian stories and ideas about animals. It is a relief to know that a formal address for publication is not required. I am thankful also for the information that Professor Lewis will arrange for the symposium. I am writing him by this mail.

Replying to the questions addressed to the Executive Committee would say: I prefer New Haven as the place for the next meeting, but am of course willing to go to whichever place is selected.

In the matter of dues I am indifferent, but if there is likely to be a shortage before the end of the year should think it good business to collect dues in advance.

Thanking you for the interest and trouble you have taken in my behalf,

Very truly yours,

C. Hart Merriam

March 2, 1925

Dr. E. W. Nelson, Chief
U. S. Biological Survey
Washington, D. C.

Dear Nelson:

Pardon my delay in replying to your inquiry about the song of the Mountain Lion. I have heard it very rarely. The occasion when it was nearest and most impressed upon my memory was on the evening of July 27, 1897, when Bailey and I camped for the night on a heavily wooded flat on the north side of Natches River on our way from North Yakima to Mt. Rainier.

The Mountain Lion in question was very near and his distressing cries, repeated a few times, were decidedly startling and for the time all-engrossing, and caused our horses and mule to rush wildly through the fallen timber to camp.

When the incident was fresh in my mind I told Roosevelt and he asked me to write him about it, which I did. My recollection is that he published it. But since receipt of your inquiry Zenaida and I have hunted through a number of Roosevelt's publications without finding it.

While on the subject of Mountain Lions, I would call your attention to Roosevelt's articles in Scribner's Magazine published the latter part of 1891, in which he has something to say about their attacks on man.

Very truly yours,
C. Hart Merriam

March 2, 1925

Mr. B. H. Swales
Secretary, Baird Ornithological Club
2921 Albemarle Street
Chevy Chase, D. C.

My dear Mr. Swales:

Many thanks for your letter of the 27th instant notifying me that I have been elected an honorary member of the Baird Ornithological Club. Please convey to the members my appreciation.

Although I rarely go out nights, I should be glad to receive notice of the meetings and when practicable to be present.

With best wishes,

Very truly yours,
C. Hart Merriam

March 3, 1925

Mr. N. W. Dorsey, Accountant
Smithsonian Institution
Washington, D. C.

Dear Mr. Dorsey:

Enclosed herewith is my expense account for the month of February amounting to $90.02, and vouchers for Charles H. McNeil, bear skulls $17; Mrs. Ruth C. Hall, services as stenographer $125; Zenaida Merriam, services as assistant 13 days at $4 per day $52; Mrs. Burt Trout, services as assistant 7 days at $4 per day $28, all of which please pay from the Harriman Fund.

Am enclosing also the belated receipted bill from Frank Woore of Derby, England, for the books of Wallis Budge, which kindly attach to my January account (subvoucher 6).

The receipt from Allen's Press Clippings Bureau at San Francisco for January clippings has not yet come to hand, but will be forwarded later; same true of receipt for electric current.

Very truly yours,
C. Hart Merriam

Kindly send a bunch of vouchers and sheets for voucher carbons.

C. Hart Merriam

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C. Hart Merriam

March 3, 1925

Dr. William F. Bade
Berkeley, California

Dear Doctor Bade:

Thanks for your letter of February 22. We have read with interest many of Muir's letters and congratulate you on having brought out so valuable an addition to the John Muir materials.

But I regret that the strain on you has been so severe and that your eyes have suffered. I have been through the same sort of thing several times but in the long run have thus far always come out on top. It is necessary for me to work under high pressure during the winter in order to put the notes of the preceding season in shape for permanent preservation; otherwise I would not finish this work in time to go back to California for the ensuing season. We are hoping now to reach Lagunitas sometime in April and trust that you and Mrs. Bade will be able to come over to see us before another season passes.

With best wishes to you both,

Very truly yours,

C. Hart Merriam

March 3, 1925

Mr. Charles H. McNeil
Hotel Atwood
Seattle, Washington

My dear Sir:

The two bear skulls you sent to the Biological Survey sometime ago have been received and examined. They are valued at $17, a check for which will be sent you direct from the Smithsonian Institution in a few days.

I am obliged for your remarks on the general appearance and actions of one of these bears.

Very truly yours,

C. Hart Merriam

In your letter you forgot to mention the localities and dates of these two skulls and said nothing as to which one was the hero of the episode you described and whose peculiarities you mentioned. It is important for me to be able to tie descriptions to the specimens to which they belong. Perhaps you do not realize that I am at work in the field six or seven months each year and usually do not see bear skulls for a number of months after they have been sent in and, as a consequence it is often impossible for me to connect the notes with the specimens. I should like very much to know where the bear you describe was killed.

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March 3, 1925

Dr. F. V. Coville, Chairman
Committee on Research
National Geographic Society
Washington, D.C.

Dear Doctor Coville:

Replying to your memorandum slip asking for my views "in writing" on a certain proposition from Doctor Ales Hrdlicka, as per accompanying letters (herewith returned), would say that it does not occur to me that the proposed trip for the purpose of visiting the various localities of discovery of ancient human or semi-human remains in South Africa, India, Java, Australia, and a few other places, would justify an appropriation from the funds of the National Geographic Society.

Very truly yours,

C. Hart Merriam

March 3, 1925

Editor
Rod and Gun in Canada
Woodstock, Ontario

Dear Sir:

It is hard for an editor to keep tab on all the matter that appears in his magazine and the best of us slip a cog now and then. This seems to have been the case in passing an article in your March number entitled 'Big Jacks Overrunning Ontario.' The author, T. R. Elliott, when speaking of California Jackrabbits introduced into Ontario says: "Thousands of them are known to exist in swamps and woodlots of a wide area." This leads one to wonder whether during the brief period since their introduction in Ontario, Jackrabbits have so radically changed their habits as to have forsaken the deserts and plains for 'woodlots' and 'swamps.'

While pondering over this, the eye catches the additional statement that "the California Jackrabbit grows to a weight of 25 or 30 pounds," and later we are told that Robert Holmes of Dundas Street, London, "shot one not long ago that weighed 32 pounds," and another 27 pounds.

In view of the fact that the California Jackrabbit under normal conditions weighs only 4 or 5 pounds, rarely attaining the weight of 6 pounds, one is led to inquire whether Mr. Elliott was really talking about Jackrabbits or Coyotes!

Editor, Rod & Gun in Canada -2

In another part of the article it is stated that in the agricultural districts of Australia "the Jackrabbit has been an enemy for decades." As a matter of fact, the so-called Rabbit plague of Australia was due to the introduction, not of the American Jackrabbit but of the common small European Rabbit (Lepus cuniculus). Occasional slips of the pen, though unfortunate, are to be forgiven, but what shall one say when an author deliberately publishes such atrocious misstatements as these?

Very truly yours,
C. Hart Merriam

March 6, 1925

Mr. E. J. Davis
Paisley, Oregon

Dear Sir:

Your letter of February 15, addressed to the Smithsonian Institution, has been referred to me for reply.

I am glad to know that you have secured a specimen of the so-called Lava Bear. You do not state where the bear was killed, and you do not say whether you have its skull. The hide without the skull would be of very little value to us as the distinguishing characters of this bear, if it differs from the common Black Bear, are likely to be in the skull and teeth. I shall be glad to hear from you in regard to these points.

Very truly yours,
C. Hart Merriam

March 6, 1925

Forest Ranger
Covelo, California

Dear Sir:

Herewith I am enclosing a rough tracing of a section of Eel River west of your region in the hope that you will be able to correct certain names of creeks, if they need correcting, and also to add names of some that are not named. I am particularly anxious to know which creek is called 'Indian Creek,' but any corrections and additions will be thankfully received.

Is there any other name for Natoikot Creek?

Which is the proper way to spell Dobbin Creek--Dobbin or Dobbyn?

Very truly yours,
C. Hart Merriam

Is there a creek running down to Eel River from the old Underhill ranch (now Bob Glen or Bob Green ranch) on west side of Eel River?

Is any creek known as Flint Creek?

Is Moore's place at Mina?

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March 3, 1925

Virginia Paper Company, Inc.
933 D Street
Washington, D. C.

Dear Sirs:

Please send me at the above address, with bill for same, two thousand (2000) sheets Munising Bond like the enclosed sample in quality and size.

Very truly yours,

C. W. Thurston

March 10, 1925

Mr. J. G. Klemm
1338 Shrader Street
San Francisco, California

My dear Mr. Klemm:

Thanks for your letter of the 4th instant telling me about the damage done by the recent heavy rain at Lagunitas. I am also obliged for the joint letter, signed by Mr. Watson and yourself, giving additional information as to necessary repairs. Acting on this, I am enclosing herewith my check for $10 to be applied to the road work.

In connection with this matter I wish to express the hope that the necessary work be done by or under the personal supervision of some competent road builder and not as heretofore by day labor. During past years a very neat sum has been expended on road repairs by day labor which, if it had been applied to the construction of a real road much of the present trouble would have been avoided. I have previously called your attention and that of Mr. Watson to the utterly irrational way in which our upper road had been treated, pointing out the fact that at times the ditch supposed to carry off the superfluous water was higher than the road bed, resulting in the continual washing away of the road. I am willing to contribute my share toward the construction of a real road, but dislike greatly to put any

more money into the day labor kind of patch work that has been done heretofore.

We were much interested in your account of hearing over your radio the inauguration speech of President Coolidge and the music of the Marine Band. My daughter Zenaida witnessed the ceremony and saw the parade, but Mrs. Merriam and I were glad to stay at home.

With kindest regards from all of us to Mrs. Klemm and yourself,

Very truly yours,

C. Hart Merriam

March 11, 1925

Mr. C. T. Conover
408 Marion Street
Seattle, Washington

Dear Mr. Conover:

Your letter of the 6th instant has just reached me.

A short time ago, after twenty years service on the U. S. Geographic Board, the last eight years of which I was Chairman of the Board, I resigned. This was not due to any friction, but solely to pressure of other work which a man of my age feels anxious to complete.

I am therefore forwarding your recommendation to the Secretary, who doubtless will notify you of whatever the Board may decide.

With best wishes,

Very truly yours,

C. Hart Merriam

March 11, 1925

Mr. C. A. Bevans
Hoonah, Alaska

Dear Sir:

Your letter of February 14 has just reached me. I note that you have the head of a big Bear said to be a male in fine condition from Icy Straits. By the word 'head' I assume that you mean the skull.

I am not able to pay as much as formerly for Bear skulls, but if the specimen is fully adult and reaches me in good condition, I will agree to pay you $10 or $12 for it.

It should be shipped by express (charges collect), marked U. S. Biological Survey, Department of Agriculture, Washington, D. C. Your own name and address should be written on the outside of the package, and also on the tag attached to the skull.

Very truly yours,

C. Hart Merriam

March 11, 1925

Dr. A. Franklin Shull, Secretary
American Society of Naturalists
520 Linden Street
Ann Arbor, Michigan

My dear Doctor Shull:

From the enclosed letter you will see that Professor Lewis declines the distinction of arranging the symposium for the next meeting of the Naturalists. This seems to leave us in a hole. Have you any other suggestion, or will you attend to the matter yourself?

Regretting to be obliged to trouble you again in the matter,

Very truly yours,

C. Hart Merriam

March 11, 1925

Mr. George S. Grant
California Automobile Assn.
1628 Van Ness Avenue
San Francisco, California

My dear Mr. Grant:

This will introduce Dr. F. V. Coville, Chief Government Botanist, who is about to set out on field work in various parts of the state.

Dr. Coville is chairman of the AAA Advisory Board of the District of Columbia.

Doubtless you can be of material assistance to him in the way of road maps and information.

Hoping to see you in five or six weeks,

Very truly yours,

C. Hart Merriam

March 13, 1925

Collector Internal Revenue
Baltimore, Maryland

Dear Sir:

Herewith I enclose my income tax blank for the year 1924, along with check in payment of same ($25.64).

Very truly yours,

C. H. Shull

March 13, 1925

Prof. Warren H. Lewis
Johns Hopkins Medical School
Baltimore, Maryland

My dear Professor Lewis:

Doctor Shull writes me that you may be willing to arrange the symposium for the next meeting of the American Society of Naturalists. This is good news and I shall be very glad if you will kindly attend to the matter.

There are two reasons why I am unable to attend to this myself: 1. That I am not personally acquainted with the men and interests; 2. That I expect to be engaged in field work in California until December.

With best wishes,

Very truly yours,

C. H. Shull

March 13, 1925

Dr. A. Franklin Shull, Secretary
American Society of Naturalists
520 Linden Street
Ann Arbor, Michigan

Dear Doctor Shull:

Your letter and mine evidently crossed in the mails. Sorry I wrote the wrong Lewis. Am writing Professor Warren H. Lewis of Johns Hopkins Medical School today and trust that he, or you and he together, will be willing to arrange for the next meeting.

Very truly yours,
C. Hart Merriam

March 16, 1925

Dr. E. W. Nelson, Chief
U. S. Biological Survey
Washington, D. C.

Dear Nelson:

In looking at 'The Survey' dated February 28, I am appalled by the tremendous sum of money appropriated for the Survey for the coming year.

I notice also that two papers on mammals, one by A. B. Howell on variation in Microtus montanus yosemite, and another by James Silver on the European Hare, have recently been published in the Journal of Agricultural Research and are available in separate form. I shall be obliged if you will have two or three copies of each sent to me. It seem strange that so many of the publications of 'The Survey' fail to reach me.

The February 28 issue of 'The Survey' is rather noteworthy because of the number of items of interest to mammalogists. At the top of page 8 it is stated that "on several nights from 1500 to 2000 rabbits were picked up," but it leaves the reader in a dreadful state of anxiety as to how they were picked up, why they were picked up at night instead of in the daytime, and how it was that they were induced to remain in such a quiescent or hypnotic state that they could be picked up.

Very truly yours,
C. Hart Merriam

March 16, 1925

Mr. Lewis James
Ladoga, California

Dear Lewis:

Very many thanks for the trouble you took in collecting and sending me a specimen of the Choohel grass. It is the kind of grass called sedge, but just which species of sedge cannot be determined from this specimen. We have compared it with specimens in the Museum and the botanists say that they cannot be sure without a specimen bearing seeds. I do not know just when the seeds grow in your country, but should think the time might be in late April or early May. If you could get a specimen with the seeds, we could make sure of the species.

We were all very sorry to learn that you were having trouble with one of your hind legs. We hope it is all right now.

We had expected to start for California about the end of this month, but the work I have had to do here has taken so long that I am sure we shall not be able to get off before the middle or latter part of April.

With best wishes for yourself and the others,

Very truly yours,
C. Hart Merriam

March 16, 1925

Mrs. P. L. Young
Orleans, California

My dear Mrs. Young:

It was very kind of you to reply to my inquiry in regard to the alleged killing of a child by a Panther or Mountain Lion.

I am glad to know what you tell me about the killing of a child near Fort Jones in Scott Valley 25 or 30 years ago. I had not heard of this case before. Am glad also to know about the old story told by your mother of an Indian and little boy killed when sleeping under a tree.

Here in Washington we have had an unusually open winter with comparatively little snow, and the grass is already turning green. But we learn that at our summer home in Lagunitas there was a couldburst in February which proved very destructive to the roads and flooded many houses along the bottom of the valley. Our house fortunately is up on the side of the canyon, 200 feet above the creek.

With kind regards and best wishes to you all, and hoping to see you during the coming season,

Very truly yours,
C. Hart Merriam

March 16, 1925

Dr. Gilbert Grosvenor, President
National Geographic Society
Washington, D. C.

My dear Doctor Grosvenor:

Many thanks for the bound volumes of the National Geographic Magazine for the year 1924, just received with compliments of the Society.

They make a splendid collection of interesting information, and, as in previous years, I will take them to Lagunitas where they may be read with profit by a number of people who do not themselves take the magazine.

Very truly yours,
C. Hart Merriam

March 16, 1925

Dr. S. F. Blake
Bureau of Plant Industry
Department of Agriculture
Washington, D. C.

My dear Doctor Blake:

Thanks for your letter of the 14th instant, telling me that the specimen of Carex from Bear Valley, California, cannot be identified without a fruiting specimen.

I shall endeavor to obtain such a specimen but, as you doubtless know, it is mighty hard to get an Indian to visit a particular locality at a stated time of year and then to take the trouble to collect and send in a specimen. The identification is important because of the prominence of the plant in the history and customs of the tribe.

Thanking you for your trouble in the matter,

Very truly yours,

C. Hart Merriam

March 18, 1925

Mr. H. R. Wagner
California Historical Society
508 Wells Fargo Building
San Francisco, California

Dear Mr. Wagner:

Your letter of February 9, enclosing a copy of another manuscript by F. N. Fletcher on Jedediah Smith's probable route across the Sierra, reached me in due course, and would have received earlier attention but for the constant pressure of other work.

After reading Mr. Fletcher's article carefully four or five times, I fail to see that he submits any evidence whatever in support of the reiteration of his former opinion that Jedediah Smith crossed the Sierra by way of the Stanislaus River. He still believes, he says, "that the Stanislaus route is the more probable and that the American route is impossible," but fails to give any reason whatever for the absolutely preposterous statement that the American route is 'impossible.'

And after repeated reiterations of his firm belief "that the only reasonable conclusion is that Smith crossed the Sierra by the Stanislaus route," he apparently contradicts himself by reaffirming the opinion, expressed in his first article, that Smith left his party on the river named Wimmelche, after the Indians, adding, "but the Wimmulches resided on Kings River"--thus accepting my identification of the Wimmelche with Kings

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River, as abundantly established on page 26 of my reply. To this he adds,"Possibly Smith crossed the Sierra from that river."

Mr. Fletcher, referring to my reference to a letter from an associate of Smith, remarks: "what this letter actually states, according to Bancroft, is"--and so on, implying that I had not written correctly--although his own quotation, unnecessarily lengthy, contains the significant words given by me, namely that "Smith left his party on American Fork and with two men returned to the rendezvous."

Fletcher then attempts to cast doubt on Warner's statement that Smith "put his party into summer quarters on the American Fork of the Sacramento, from which it took its name, and with two men went over the mountains, traveling up the American Fork . . .", by saying that "Warner evidently follows the account by the associate of Smith." He thus overlooks the important facts that Warner himself met Smith personally in 1830, only three years after the journey in question, and that in the following spring he was not only employed by Smith but accompanied him on the expedition on which he met his death, and a year later was engaged in trapping in the San Joaquin and Sacramento Valleys. To anyone familiar with the campfire talks of trappers, it must be obvious that Warner's knowledge of Smith's movements in California was not from newspapers but from first-hand information, as related by Smith himself.

Fletcher boldly asserts that "there is no evidence that Smith was on the American River prior to the winter of 1827-28, and therefore no reason to route him across the Sierra from that

river." This assertion, unsupported by any evidence whatever, is rather startling in view of the convincing evidence to the contrary. You will remember that I have previously referred to Gallatin's map of 1836 with a dotted line showing Smith's route in 1827, crossing the Sierra in the American River region (based on information from Smith transmitted by his partner Ashley), and to Wilkes' map of 1841 with a line captioned "Smith's track" crossing the Sierra in essentially the same region; and also to the statements of several independent authors, namely, J. M. Gwynn, J.J. Warner, T. F. Cronise, and "an associate of Smith," who in 1867 wrote a letter to the San Francisco Times "for the purpose of correcting errors in regard to Smith's movements." All of these authors say distinctly that Smith left his party on American Fork, and moreover, as already remarked, Warner himself was employed by Smith and was with him less than four years after Smith's trip across Nevada, so that there is every reason to believe that he spoke with the authority of a man who knew what he was talking about.

Cronise, writing of the more or less conflicting accounts of Smith's doings in California, states that he had been "at considerable trouble to unravel these various stories" and had gathered his particulars "from those who knew Smith personally and shared his perils, and from documents in the State archives." He then goes on to say that Smith's party "trapped for beaver, and other animals, from the Tulare to the American Fork of the Sacramento, where there was already a camp of American trappers. Smith established his camp near the site of the present town of Folsom, about 22 miles north-east from the other party."

Fletcher, in his effort to discredit the facts so laboriously collected by Cronise, was a little too hasty, for he says that Cronise "gives two accounts regarding Smith and leaves the reader to make his choice." But reference to Cronise shows that his so-called second account [which he himself calls "another version"] has no bearing whatever on the subject of the present discussion but relates to what happened, not only many months after Smith's return to California and departure for Oregon, but after the massacre of his men by Umpqua Indians in western Oregon, and even after his arrival at and departure from Fort Vancouver on Columbia River in what is now the State of Washington!

Furthermore, if more were needed, Harry L. Wells, in his account of 'The great Fur Companies and their Trapping Expeditions to California,' mentions Smith's return to his men in the following words: "Reuniting himself with the company he had left on the American River the year before. . ." Wells also states distinctly that Smith, before returning to Utah, had established headquarters near Folsom on American River. Wells was personally acquainted with the trapper Stephen H. Meek (brother of Joseph Meek) who came to California with Walker's party in 1833 and "related the particulars." To question the reliability of positive statements as to localities given by hunters and explorers, because of errors of a year or so in their memory of dates, is to gainsay the value of human testimony.

Mr. Fletcher says: "Dr. Merriam contends that Smith crossed the Sierra by the North Fork of the American River," and in another place adds, "If as Dr. Merriam claims, Smith went up the North Fork

of the American River," and so on. Reference to my published statement shows that I did not either 'contend' or 'claim' that he went up the North Fork, but did say: "In view of the evidence here assembled, it may be accepted as an established fact that Smith crossed the Sierra in the neighborhood of American River. But whether he chose the north or the south side is not of record. However, since an explorer of Smith's experience would not have made his second attempt without a preliminary examination of the country, and since the route on the north is far less difficult than that on the south and is the one since chosen, not only by the railroad, but also by the State and Lincoln highways, I infer that he laid his course on that side, namely, along the ridge between American River and the Yuba."

Referring to Smith's route on emerging from the Sierra, Mr. Fletcher continues: "In the spring and early summer the Truckee is a torrential stream, which Smith would not attempt to cross except from necessity." In reply, attention may be called to two facts: (1) that I did not say that he crossed the Truckee; and (2) that the Truckee, being the outlet of a large lake, lacks the sudden and violent floods characteristic of many mountain rivers and rarely if ever becomes "a torrential stream" sufficiently formidable to halt a mountain man of Smith's experience and courage--especially since he had already crossed the series of impetuous rivers that rush down the west flank of the Sierra between Kern River and American Fork.

Mr. Fletcher's article contains pages of utterly irrelevant matter, such as quotations from Smith's letter of July 1827

(already several times published) relating to his route before reaching California; to his visit to the missions after his return; and to his movements a year or two later, when bound for Oregon--not one word of which has any bearing on the subject in hand.

Mr. Fletcher thinks it worth while to mention Smith's remark that he traveled NW from San Bernardino 300 miles, which according to Fletcher would bring him to the Stanislaus. The attempt to prove anything definite by this rough estimate of distance traveled from San Bernardino to some place not positively stated (though inferentially the Wimmelche or Kings River, rather than either the Stanislaus or American) is too trivial to need reply further than to remark that the to-and-from windings of a party of beaver trappers in the mountains between San Bernardino and Kings River could easily exceed this distance.

Mr. ~~Webster~~ Fletcher seems to see something exceptionally significant in Smith's plain statement that his route across the deserts of Nevada was through a country "completely barren," and points out that the American River route would have led him through the bed of the ancient Lake Lahontan! Can Mr. ~~Webster~~ Fletcher, or anyone else, point out <u>any route</u> by which anyone could possibly traverse Central Nevada from the Sierra region to Salt Lake <u>without crossing</u> the "completely barren" bed of this ancient lake? And can anyone give <u>any reason why</u> the bed of this old lake should <u>not</u> be crossed, or how anyone not a geologist could possible know when he had arrived at its ancient shores? Oddly enough, Mr. ~~Webster~~ Fletcher makes no mention of the broad and really formidable salt bed of the ancient Lake Bonneville which Smith was obliged to cross before reaching Salt Lake!

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Again, Mr. ~~Webster~~ Fletcher thinks it "inconceivable that Smith would leave this open country to climb the difficult mountain ranges lying south of it." In this--regardless of the location of the 'open country' referred to--I quite agree with him; and may I ask if anyone ever suggested that Smith did climb these difficult ranges? Those who have crossed Nevada along different routes (as I have done several times, both on horseback and by automobile) must be personally familiar with the wellknown fact that the Desert Ranges of the Great Basin stand in echelon and that the various roads and trails wind sufficiently to enable the traveler to cross without climbing the mountains.

C. Hart Merriam.

March 18,1925

Mr. H. R. Wagner
California Historical Society
San Francisco, California

Dear Mr. Wagner:

Don't you think it a little tough on an overworked old man struggling against many odds in the hope of completing for publication a few of the twenty or more volumes on which he has been at work for a quarter to half a century to lay his work aside in order to reply to such utter twaddle as the article under consideration?

One cannot help wondering why a respectable historical journal should, ~~degrade~~ think of itself by publishing such stuff.

Very truly yours,

C. Hart Merriam

March 18, 1925

Mr. H. R. Wagner
California Historical Society
508 Wells Fargo Building
San Francisco, California

Dear Mr. Wagner:

Please pardon my delay in acknowledging receipt of your important book, California Voyages,1839-1541. I appreciate the labor you have bestowed upon the translation of these precious documents and in writing the many illuminating footnotes, not to mention the maps and the most useful index.

Has the circumstance any significance that in Castillo's map of 1541 the word 'California' on the peninsula is in printed type wholly different from anything else on the map? Does not this imply that the name was added after the map had been finished?

Again thanking you for this latest contribution to knowledge of the early history of exploration along the coasts of Lower California,

Very truly yours,

C. Hart Merriam

March 19, 1925

Miss Dorothy H. Huggins, Secretary
California Historical Society
San Francisco, California

My dear Miss Huggins:

Will you kindly send me a duplicate copy of Volume 2, Number 1, of the Quarterly of the California Historical Society, dated April 1923, and containing important articles on George C. Yount? My check for $2 is enclosed herewith.

Very truly yours,

C. Hart Merriam

March 19, 1925

Mr. C. O. Tatham, Editor
Rod and Gun in Canada
Woodstock, Ontario

Dear Sir:

Thanks for your letter of the 11th instant in regard to the atrocious article on the Jackrabbit in Ontario.

You ask for information in regard to the European Hare. You will find a good deal of material of this kind in practically all European works on natural history, and in Lydekker's Royal Natural History, as well as in many popular works on sport and hunting.

Information as to its introduction and spread in the United States you will find in the enclosed pamphlet by James Silver of the Biological Survey.

Very truly yours,

C. Hart Merriam

March 21, 1925

Prof. J. McK. Cattell
Editor Science
Garrison-on-Hudson, New York

Dear Professor Cattell:

'Science' of March 20, just received, contains an Item contributed by Science Service, stating that "The French Minister of Colonies has set aside, by executive decree, a number of islands owned by France in the Antarctic regions as game sanctuaries for polar bear, walrus, sea lions and other animals."

In view of the well-known fact that the Polar Bear and Walrus are confined to the North polar region and that they have no representative near or remote in the Antarctic, is it not somewhat out of the ordinary for France to set aside sanctuaries for these animals in the South polar region?

Very truly yours,

E. Hunt Sherman.

March 21, 1925

Prof. Edwin E. Slosson
Science Service
Washington, D. C.

My dear Professor Slosson:

In the language of the Outlook, "Has the Science Service gone daffy?"

From an 'Item' contributed by your Service to the last number of Science (Science, March 20), one would infer that a factory of false news, similar to that recently established in the Outlook by a man named Gregg, had been erected by Science Service. I refer, of course, to the statement that the French Government has set aside as game sanctuaries for Polar Bear and Walrus certain islands in the Antarctic, notwithstanding the well-known fact that these animals are restricted to the North polar region.

I may be in error, as it is possible that the mistake was made by the French Minister of Colonies, or even that the French Government is considering the establishment of nurseries for these animals which it may contemplate transplanting to the opposite pole from that in which they now enjoy the vicissitudes of a chilly existence.

With best wishes,

Very truly yours,

E. Hunt Sherman.

March 20, 1925.

George H. Himes, Curator
Public Auditorium
Portland, Oregon

Dear Sir:

Will you please send me 2 copies of the Oregon Historical Society Quarterly containing J.J. Hill's article on Ewing Young (Vol. 24, No. 1, 1923)? I am enclosing my check for one dollar in payment.

Very truly yours,

C. Hart Merriam

March 21,1925

Mrs. Marcia Clark
1808 Alameda Avenue
Alameda, California

My dear Mrs. Clark:

Your kindness and thoughtfulness in sending the newspaper containing the first account we had seen of the floods in Central California was greatly appreciated by us all. We have had no information since, except a letter from the Lagunitas Improvement Club asking for a contribution for the repair of roads and bridges. From this letter, I infer that a flying machine will be the only means of reaching our houses in the near future. Nevertheless we hope to reach Lagunitas in the neighborhood of the end of April.

We are all reasonably well and are enjoying

March 25, 1925

Mr. Sim Moak
Chico, California

My dear Sir:

I have just learned that you have published a little book entitled 'The Last of the Mill Creeks and Early Life in Northern California.' Being much interested in the history of California, and particularly in the Indian tribes, I am anxious to procure a copy of your work.

Will you be kind enough to send one, with memorandum of price, addressed to me at 1919 Sixteenth Street, Washington?

Very truly yours,

C. Hart Merriam

the hope that our winter is nearly over.

With kindest regards to yourself, Mabel, and the Honorable Sidney and his wife,

Very truly yours,

C. Hart Merriam

March 26, 1925

Mr. Lindsley W. Ross
590 Main Street
Portland, Oregon

My dear Mr. Ross:

Very many thanks for the trouble you have taken in sending me the clippings just received from the 'Portland Oregonian,' relating to the killing of a boy in the Okanogan region by a Mountain Lion. I am very glad to add these detailed accounts to my file.

This case, as you say, is certainly authentic. It is attracting wide attention and, as you know, has been very thoroughly investigated. I greatly appreciate your courtesy in the matter.

Very truly yours,

C. Hart Merriam

March 30, 1925

Mr. J.D. Grant
Chairman Board of Directors
Save the Redwoods League
San Francisco, California

My dear Mr.Grant:

Referring to a carbon (just received) of a letter from Mr. Walter B. Scaife, of Berkeley, relating to the unpleasant name of the magnificent Redwood Grove known as "Bull Creek Flat," would call your attention to the fact that the native Indian name of Bull Creek is LOLANKO.

About five years ago the Government Geographic Board formally adopted the name "Lolanko" for the river flat and splendid redwood grove on the west side of South Fork, Eel River, at the mouth of Bull Creek, Humbolt County." While this name is perhaps less euphonious than "Kettintelbe," adopted at the same time for the place sometimes called Phillipsville, nevertheless it sounds better than "Bull Creek."

Very truly yours,
C. Hart Merriam

CHM:GBH

March 30, 1925

Mr. Walter B. Scaife
First Berkeley Branch
Mercantile Trust Company
Berkeley, California

Dear Sir:

A copy of your letter of March 18, urging that a less obnoxious name be given to the splendid redwood grove commonly known as "Bull Creek Flat," has been forwarded to me by the Save the Redwoods League.

A copy of my reply to Mr.Grant is enclosed herewith.

Very truly yours.
C. Hart Merriam

CHM-GBH

March 30, 1925

Mr. and Mrs. P. Martinelli
Lagunitas
California

Dear Mr.and Mrs.Martinelli:

Very many thanks for your letter of March 22, telling me that someone had broken into our house and left the water running. We are very glad that you discovered it and that you took up the kitchen linoleum and put it out to dry. I am obliged to you for this and for shutting off the water completely. I thought I had done this, myself, before we left last Fall.

Has the upper road been mended so that we can drive the car up to our house?

We had hoped to leave Washington about now, but have not yet been able to finish the work which must be got out of the way before we start. We now expect to go about the end of April.

With kind regards and best wishes to you all,

Very truly yours,

C. Hart Merriam

April 1, 1925

Cashier, Crocker National Bank
San Francisco, California
Dear Sir:

Herewith I am enclosing my check on the National Metropolitan Bank of this city for two hundred dollars, which kindly place to the credit of my account.

Very truly yours,

C. Hart Merriam

April 2 1925

Major John C. H. Lee
Corps of Engineers
Washington

My dear Sir:

In your letter of March 12, acknowledging receipt of my letter of February 25 transmitting a number of comments and corrections on the California quadrangles issued by the Corps of Engineers, you told me that a copy of my comments had been forwarded to the engineer under whose direction the work had been done. I have not yet heard from him and shall be very glad to receive a reply covering the questions asked in my letter of February 25 and also in relation to any matters which he may regard with doubt.

I have not received any of the sheets of which I sent you a list, the names of which appear on the margins of the quadrangles previously sent me. If any of these have been published I should be very glad to have them; and I shall be obliged if you will kindly send me for field use a duplicate set of the sheets covering Russian River and Eel River.

Very truly yours

C. Hart Merriam

April 2 1925

Mr Henry Goddard Leach
Editor The Forum
New York City

My dear Sir:

Replying to your letter of the 1st instant asking me to write a letter expressing my opinions regarding "the foreign and military policy of the United States", would call your attention to the fact that a little more than a year ago you asked me for a letter on our national duty to the Indians. In compliance with your request I sent you on May 5, an article entitled 'The Cruelty of Forced Allotments in California'. You kept this for about six months and then published from it a single paragraph--thus leaving the matter hung up in the air and doing the subject, the Indian office, and myself material injustice.

Not caring to be burnt the second time I respectfully decline to send anything further to the Forum.

Very truly yours

C. Hart Merriam

April 2 1925

Mr L L Shimer
Fairfax, California

My dear Sir:

Have you finished work on my car? If so I should be greatly obliged if you would send me the bill so that I may send you a check for the amount at once.

I expect to reach California about the end of the present month.

Very truly yours

C. Hunt Morrison

April 4, 1925.

Mr. H. W. Dorsey, Accountant,
Smithsonian Institution,
Washington, D. C.

Dear Mr. Dorsey:

Herewith I am enclosing my expense account for the month of March, amounting to $56.76, and also vouchers for

Mrs. Ruth Hall, stenographer - -	$108.33
Miss Zenaida Merriam, assistant - -	72.00
Mrs. Edith Burt Trout, assistant - -	40.00

all of which kindly pay from the Harriman fund.

Very truly yours,
C. Hart Merriam

C. Hart Merriam

1919 Sixteenth St., Washington, D. C.

Expense account for month of March, 1925.

March 4	Kidder's Southwestern Archaeology		1	4	00
" 7	Virginia Paper Co., 2000 sheets Blue Munising Bond		2	4	00
" 7	E. Morrison Paper Co., pencils and red ink		3		75
" 7	Scientific Monthly for 1925			5	00
" 16	Allen's Press Clipping Bureau for February		4	3	36
" 19	Ottawa Field-Naturalist, 2 copies			1	50
" 19	American Anthropologist for 1925			5	00
" 20	Oreg. Hist. Soc., Ewing Young's Explorations			1	00
" 20	Calif. Hist. Soc., Chronicles of Geo. C. Yount			2	00
" 30	Byron S. Adams, 1000 letter heads		5	14	00
" 31	Underwood Ribbon Coupon Book		6	5	00
" 31	Florence Johnson, Cleaning office rooms		7	4	00
	Electric Current, Feb.19-Mch.21,	$8.85			
	Gas, Feb.25-Mch.25,	1/3of 8.85 7.20	8	2.	95
	Stamped envelopes and postage	1/3 of 7.20	9	2	40
				1	80
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C. Hart Merriam

April 13, 1925.

Dear Dr. Stephens:

We were pleased this noon to receive your letter from Lakeport, dated April 7th. For a long time I have been hoping day by day to write you, but have been prevented by the steady pressure of behindhand work, together with the recent week-long meeting of the American Society of Mammalogists, overlapped by an invasion of Merriams, thirteen of whom lunched at my sister's yesterday.

We are mighty glad to hear from you and know that all of you are well and that you have already been able to visit The Shadows. It is good also to know that Lake County has at last received its full share of rain. We had a little too much at Lagunitas according to all accounts.

We are interested also to know that Bruce is at work in the Hopkins Marine Station at Pacific Grove. The man in charge of this laboratory is Dr. Walter K. Fisher, whom I have known ever since he was a tiny boy in his crib. He is only son of Dr. A. K. Fisher of the Biological Survey, whom you may have met. You might mention this to Bruce when you write and tell him also that when I was working for the Fish Commission at Woods Hole, Massachusetts, just fifty years ago, I dissected a considerable number of sharks and still have drawings of their brains.

You forgot to tell us anything about the new hospital. We hope it is well on the road to completion and that its completion will relieve you of many hours of labor and anxiety, and give you the satisfaction that you deserve.

While trying hard each day to stick to my knitting, I have been unable to resist certain inroads, such as the recent meeting of the Mammal Society and odds and ends of geographic work hesitatingly referred to me by the Executive Committee of the Government Geographic Board. On Saturday (this is Monday) I took George Bird Grinnell and wife to see the animals in the National Zoo.

Elizabeth and Zenaida join in love to you all and also in the hope that we may see you about or soon after the end of the present month.

As ever yours,

C. Hart Merriam

Dr. W. Barclay Stephens,
Alameda, California.

April 13, 1925.

Dear Coville:

Your letter of March 29th, with enclosures of some of our Lagunitas plants, arrived duly and was greatly appreciated by all three members of the Merriam family. The nummularia manzanita and the Fritillaria arrived in perfect condition and called up many memories.

Just now Mrs. M. has received a letter from Mrs. Coville, carrying the horrible news that your New England home has been burned. We have always had a dread the same sort of thing might happen to our Lagunitas home so that we have a very genuine fellow feeling and share your sorrow.

I should have written you long ago but for the pressure of work and interruptions, both of which of late have been even more severe than usual. We have just recovered from an invasion of the American Society of Mammalogists, which consumed about a week; and before the meeting had ended we were the recipients of an invasion of Merriams, which is still in progress. Day before yesterday there were thirteen Merriams at my sister's home on Kalorama Road, and the entire day yesterday was consumed in taking some of them on automobile drives about the various parks and suburbs.

These various interruptions have of course interfered sadly with my work so that we are not yet able to name the date of our departure for California. We hope, however, to have at least a couple of weeks with you before you feel impelled to return eastward.

Glad you found some things in flower on our place.
With affectionate remembrances from all of us,

As ever yours,

C. Hart Merriam

Dr. F. V. Coville,
Academy of Sciences,
San Francisco, Calif.

April 13, 1925.

Shepard Book Co.
408 South State St.,
Salt Lake City, Utah.

Dear Sirs:

Thanks for your announcement of publication of Alter's "James Bridger." The price, $10.00, I am enclosing herewith and shall be obliged if you will send the book to me, addressed to 1919 Sixteenth St., Washington, D. C.

Very truly yours,

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Miss Dorothy H. Huggins,
California Historical Society,
508 Wells Fargo Building,
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Ukiah, California.

Dear Mr. Knight:

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I had intended to write you long ago, but have delayed from day to day in the hope of learning something more about the failure of the Court of Claims Bill to become a law. The bill introduced by Mr. Raker passed both Houses before the adjournment of Congress, but was not signed by the President - the reason I have not yet been able to find out.

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As you see, we have been delayed in getting away, and the present outlook is that we will not be able to go to California until the end of the month, which I very much regret.

With kind regards from all of us to all of your family,

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Retake of Preceding Frame

April 15, 1925

Mr. Sim Moak,
Westwood, Calif.

My dear Sir:

Many thanks for your letter of the 5th instant (which you forgot to sign), and for sending me your little book entitled "The Last of the Mill Creeks." It is very interesting reading and I am glad to add it to my library of California Indian materials.

It would be a good thing if more of the old California pioneers would put on record their personal experiences. The great state has been so completely overrun by white people during the past fifty years and the population has increased so enormously that it is hard for the younger generation to realize the happenings within the lifetime of some of the older people like yourself.

The dollar in payment is enclosed herewith.

With best wishes,

Very truly yours,

C. Hart Merriam

April 17, 1925.

Motor Vehicle Department,
Sacramento, California.

Dear Sirs:

My car (Chevrolet Baby Grand No. 3496, FB 50, 1920) has been jacked up in the Fairfax Garage, at Fairfax, Marin County, and has not been used since I left California in November last. I expect to return to my summer place at Lagunitas, Marin County, about the end of the present month, and I am anxious to obtain my new license tag and plates as early as practicable. I have with me here the white Certificate of Registration of 1924, carried in the front of the car, but the red slip is in my safe at Lagunitas and not obtainable until I reach California.

My last year's Certificate of Registration reads as follows: "C. Hart Merriam, Lagunitas, California, Code 1-2, License No. 1073137, Chevrolet, 1920, Engine No. 63532, Touring Model 1920, Fee $3.00" dated, issued 7-16-24 SC.

Is it practicable to send the necessary information and fee in advance so that the new license and plates may be ready on my arrival in the state? If so, shall I send you my 1924 Certificate of Registration?

Very truly yours,
C. Hart Merriam

April 17, 1925

Hon. Herbert Putnam,
Librarian of Congress,
Washington, D. C.

Dear Dr. Putnam:

On inquiry I find that the Library of Congress lacks a number of the county histories of California counties. Some of these I have consulted in the Bancroft Library of Berkeley, but just now I am anxious to see the History of Tehama County, published by Elliott and Moore in San Francisco, 1880.

If you chance to have a copy which has escaped cataloging, or to suspect the existence of a copy elsewhere in Washington, I should be greatly obliged for the information.

Very truly yours,
C. Hart Merriam

April 18, 1925

Committee on Admissions
Cosmos Club, Washington.

In looking over the list of candidates to come before the Committee on Admissions on May 4th, I find four whom I am glad to support. These are:

(1) A. Brazier Howell. Though entered as 'ornithologist', Mr. Howell is much more: he is corresponding secretary of the American Society of Mammalogists and an all round naturalist. He has published a number of important papers on mammals, birds, and anatomy, and is a very competent and thorough worker.

(2) Victor K. Chesnut, Chemist. Chesnut is too well known and respected to require comment. His field of work is so different from my own that I feel competent to speak only of one of his earlier papers--the one entitled, "Plants used by the Indians of Mendocino County, California," published in 1902. This is an admirable contribution to knowledge and one much quoted by ethnologists.

(3) Alexander Wetmore, formerly Superintendent of the National Zoological Park, now Assistant Secretary of the Smithsonian, in charge of the National Museum. Dr. Wetmore was formerly an assistant on the Biological Survey and has been in charge of scientific expeditions to South America and to

the remoter islands of the Hawaiian group. He is one of America's leading ornithologists and has attained eminence in the field of bird anatomy. He is also a mammalogist and a man of rather unusual ability.

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While no longer young, Ritter is a most friendly and companionable man, full of information on a surprisingly large range of subjects.

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"Science Service,"
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Baltimore, Md.

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The subject selected, "The Structure of Protoplasm," is entirely satisfactory to me.

I am glad to know also that the meeting will be in New Haven instead of Kansas City.

With best wishes,

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April 21, 1925

Division of Publications,
Heye Museum American Indian,
Broadway at 155 St.
New York City.

Dear Sirs:

Sometime ago in compliance with my request you sent me a list of publications of the Museum, for which I am obliged. From this list I shall be glad if you will send me the following, a check for which, amounting to $9.95 is enclosed herewith.

Contributions from the Museum	
Vol. V No. 2	$ .50
Indian Notes and Monographs	
Vol. III No. 2	.40
Vol. III No. 4	.65
Vol. VII No. 1	1.00
Vol. VII No. 3	.20
Vol. X No. 5	.15
Miscellaneous	
(2) Antler Spoons	.15
(5) Types Canoes	.60
(6) How the Makah	.15
(9) Indian Houses Puget Sound	.70
(11) Native Houses	1.60
(13) Hunting Charms	.35
(19) Religion Lenape	3.50
	$ 9.95

Very truly yours,

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Chief Clerk,
Library of Congress,
Washington, D. C.

Dear Sir:

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Would enclose check, but have no means of knowing the price. Will remit as soon as informed.

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C. Hart Merriam

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April 22, 1925

Dr. George Bird Grinnell
238 East 15th St.
New York City.

Dear Grinnell:

Very many thanks for your letter of the 16th instant, replying to my inquiry as to the best organization with which to deposit my duplicate ethnological material.

It is good to know that your decision agrees with my feeling, that the Museum of the American Indian, Heye Foundation, is the place where the material is likely to do the most good.

I will leave a memorandum to this effect in one of my safes before going to California, about the end of the month, and when I return next fall will take the matter up with the necessary details and specifications. I feel greatly relieved at the outcome, since for some years past the matter has given me a good deal of uneasiness.

The results of my California field work are now in such shape that, with the little additions here and there in prospect for the coming field season, I expect to begin publication very soon after returning in the fall. The place and manner of publication and the matter of the reproduction of large scale colored maps are still in abeyance.

With thanks for your trouble, and with kindest regards from us all to Mrs. Grinnell,

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Dr. O. C. Coy
University of California
Berkeley, Calif.

Dear Doctor Coy:

Replying to your letter of the 11th instant, will confess confidentially that I have several hundred negatives, taken by myself, of California Indians, Indian homes, round houses, baskets, and other objects of the sort, which I expect to publish in forthcoming volumes on the ethnology of the state.

Thus far I have declined all requests for the use of these illustrations, but owing to the educational value of your Pictorial History of California, am willing to let down the bars far enough to give you the use of a few photos of Indians and a few of their baskets, if you would like these. The difficulty just now is that I am hustling to get away to California by the end of the month, and naturally am overwhelmed with work. I have duplicate prints of only a few of the pictures, so that unless these suffice it will be necessary to dig up the negatives and have prints made--which will take time. Can probably let you have four or five photos of Indians of different tribes and half a dozen baskets if wanted. Please reply at once so that I may be sure to hear from you before leaving, as there are no copies of these photographs in California.

I am delighted to learn that the appropriation bill for your historical work has passed the Senate, and trust that it will go through.

Very truly yours,
C. Hart Merriam

April 22, 1925

Mr. Richard Welling,
Chairman, Self-Government,
90 Broadway,
New York City.

Dear Sir:

Replying to your letter of the 16th instant, asking whether New York State has more Indian names than other states, would say that I have not compared the New York county list with similar lists of any other state except Washington. The State of Washington has 14 counties bearing Indian names, namely,

Chelan	Kittitas	Skamania	Walla Walla
Clallam	Klickitat	Snohomish	Yakima.
Cowlitz	Okanogan	Spokane	
Kitsap	Skagit	Wahkiakum	

The State of New York has 17 counties bearing Indian names, namely,

Cattaraugus	Delaware	Oswego	Tioga
Cayuga	Genesee	Saratoga	Wyoming.
Chautauqua	Niagara	Schenectady	
Chenango	Oneida	Schoharie	
Chemung	Onondaga	Seneca	

So far as I am aware without looking the matter up, no other state has so many.

Very truly yours,
C. Hart Merriam

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April 22, 1925

Bancroft Co.,
156 Fifth Ave.,
New York City.

Dear Sirs:

A few years ago I purchased a book, apparently published by you, written by Hubert Howe Bancroft, entitled 'The Wild Tribes of West America,' the same being essentially a reprint of Volume I of Bancroft's 'Native Races of the Pacific States.' This volume bears no date. Can you give me the date of publication?

The same is true of the following volumes, all by the same author:

Early California Annals
Annals of Provincial California
Annals of Territorial California
Annals of Pioneer California
Annals of the California Gold Era
Annals of the Conquest of California.

If you can furnish this information I shall be very much obliged.

Very truly yours,

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Mr. A. J. Meloche.
Raton, New Mexico.

My dear Sir:

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Dr. Philip King Brown
Medical Building
San Francisco, Calif.

Dear Doctor Brown:

Thanks for your letter of the 20th in regard to Mrs. Mexia, to whom I am writing by this mail.

I was somewhat amused at the way you addressed your letter--Smithsonian, Carnegie Institution, and 1919 Sixteenth Street, locations about two miles apart! However, it hit the mark all right.

I have hoped to see you for several years past, but accumulative pressure of field work prevented. Hoping for better luck this year, and with kindest regards to Mrs. Brown and yourself,

Very truly yours,

C. Hart Merriam

April 24, 1925

Mrs. Ynes Mexia
Room 401, Medical Building
San Francisco, Calif.

Dear Mrs. Mexia:

Thanks for your letter of the 13th instant, just received.

Unfortunately, I do not know of any impending expedition of the character indicated in your letter.

However, I expect to go to California shortly to continue my field work among the Indians of northern California, and shall be glad to talk with you in regard to possible field work with us. I expect to reach California about the end of the first week in May, where my headquarters, as usual, will be Lagunitas, Marin County. Shall be glad to see you as early as practicable after my arrival.

With best wishes,

Very truly yours,

C. Hart Merriam

April 24, 1925

Mr. Stephen Knight
R. F. D. 78 B
Ukiah, Calif.

Dear Mr. Knight:

Since writing you last your letter of the 12th instant has arrived.

As I wrote you, the California Claims Bill passed both Houses, but was not signed by the President. Since writing you I have heard from another source that the reason it was not signed was that a considerable number of bills of similar purport had been passed and had become law, so that the drain on the Treasury was likely to become rather large. This, to my mind, is a mighty poor excuse. But the California bill was not alone; two other Court of Claims Bills--one for the Chippewa Indians of Minnesota and Wisconsin, the other for some Oregon or Washington tribe--were in the same batch that failed to receive the President's signature.

Just now I am very much disturbed over the news from California that on April 15th a number of Indians, claiming to be delegates representing 11,000 California Indians, called on Governor Richardson to oppose the passage of Senate Bills 336 and 337 for the relief of California Indians. This strikes me as atrocious, and is obviously the work of someone well known to both of us. He is going too far, and is poisoning the Indians against themselves. Who elected these Indians and what right

have they to claim they represent 11,000 of the native inhabitants of the state! It certainly is too bad and may influence the Governor to withhold his signature from the bill, which passed both Houses without opposition.

I certainly did appreciate your trouble and kindness in sending me the information asked for about several localities on Russian River, and regret that extreme pressure of work prevented me from prompt acknowledgment.

We hope to get off about the first of May, after which our address will be Lagunitas, as usual.

With kindest regards to you all from all of us,

Very truly yours,

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Mr. Remington Kellogg,
Biological Survey,
Washington.

Dear Mr. Kellogg:

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I had not heard of this and am writing to A. J. Maloche, at Raton, for further particulars, in accordance with your kind suggestion.

With best wishes,

Very truly yours,

C. Hart Merriam

April 27, 1925

Mr. H. W. Henshaw
The Ontario
Washington, D. C.

Dear Henry:

How about the bibliography? I hope you have ascertained the missing dates?

I have a copy of your large quarto preliminary sheets entitled 'Tribes of North America, with synonymy, Skittagetan Family', fourteen pages, published somewhere in the neighborhood of 1890, and distributed for criticism or suggestions as to method of treatment. Can you supply exact date of issue?

Then, if I am not mistaken, you were the author of a document in the nature of an explanation of the colored map of Indian tribes, prepared by yourself and Major Powell a long time ago. I have no copy of this paper and should very much like to possess one if you have a duplicate, in order to file it permanently with the rest of your publications. Can you give me the date of publication?

As ever yours,

C. Hart Merriam

April 27, 1925

Sparrow Brothers
Willard Battery Service
San Rafael, Calif.

Dear Sirs:

I have not heard from you in regard to the weak battery which you sold me several years ago, and took from my car for examination last November.

If it is good for the coming season I shall be obliged if you will connect with Mr. Schimer, the Fairfax Garage, Fairfax, so that it may be in place on my arrival, about a week from the day you receive this letter. If it is not in condition, please supply a rental battery until I am able to see you, which will be soon thereafter.

Very truly yours,

C. Hart Merriam

April 27, 1925

Collector of Taxes,
Washington, D. C.

Dear Sir:

Can you send me tax bill for my property at 1919 Sixteenth Street?

I expect to leave for the summer about the end of the week and would like to pay taxes before going.

Very truly yours,

C. Hart Merriam

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April 27, 1925

Publisher
Science
Lancaster, Pa.

Dear Sir:

Kindly change my mailing address for the summer, beginning now, from '1919 Sixteenth Street, Washington, D. C.' to 'Legunitas, Marin County, California', returning to the old address the 1st of November.

Very truly yours,

C. Hart Merriam

Similar letter to:

American Forestry, 1523 L St., Washington, D. C.
Field and Stream, 24 W. 45th St., New York City
Motor Land, 1628 Van Ness Ave., San Francisco, Calif.
National Geographic Magazine, Sixteenth St., Washington, D. C.
Nature Magazine, 1918 Hartford Ave., Baltimore, Md.
Outdoor Life, 1824 Curtis St., Denver, Colo.
Rod and Gun in Canada, Woodstock, Ontario
Scientific Monthly, Lancaster, Pa.
Sunset Magazine, 460 Fourth St., San Francisco, Calif.
Science, Lancaster, Pa.
Literary Digest, 354 Fourth Ave., New York City
Outlook, 381 Fourth Ave., New York City

April 28, 1925

Miss Dorothy Huggins
California Historical Society
San Francisco, Calif.

My dear Miss Huggins:

This is to tell you that one copy of the 'California Historical Society Quarterly', containing the Chronicles of George C. Yount, has just arrived.

The copy first sent has never come; apparently the numbers were held up in the San Francisco post-office because of deficiency of postage under the new law, which they seem to be enforcing rigorously. Should the other copy ever arrive, I shall return it of course.

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Retake of Preceding Frame

April 30, 1925

Mr. Wright Howes
1142 So. Michigan Ave.
Chicago, Ill.

Dear Sir:

Thanks for your catalog received this morning. From it I should like to purchase the following:

11 Newspaper, Scott Valley Miner, Jan. 5, 1861--$1.00
339 Long, Voyages and Travels---- 3.00

for which my check for $4.00, on the National Metropolitan Bank of this city, is enclosed.

Very truly yours,
C. Hart Merriam

Your File No. 585028 April 30, 1925

Division of Motor Vehicles
Sacramento, Calif.

Dear Sirs:

Very many thanks for your communication of the 25th instant (Reg. 1073137).

Acting on your advice I am enclosing herewith my check, on the Crocker Bank of San Francisco, for $6.50, though I assume that the penalty is not necessary as I am enclosing affidavit stating that the car has not been used since November 13, 1924.

I am enclosing also the blank you sent me entitled 'Application for Duplicate Certificate of Ownership.' I have filled this, but see no reason why as my pink certificate is in my safe at Lagunitas, and I am both owner and operator of the car in question.

I shall appreciate the courtesy if you will kindly send the 1925 Registration Certificate and License Plates addressed, 'Dr. C. Hart Merriam, care of Fairfax Garage, Fairfax, Marin County, California.

Very truly yours,
C. Hart Merriam

My 1924 Certificate of Registration is enclosed herewith.

April 30, 1925

Lieut. G. T. Emmons
Princeton, N. J.

My dear Lieutenant Emmons:

Pardon my delay in replying to your last letter. In compliance with your request I have asked the Forest Service to send Mr. H. Ikeda, 615 Hastings Street, West, Vancouver, British Columbia, their publications on forestry of the Pacific region with special reference to trees, wood and pulp.

Many thanks for the copy you were good enough to send me of the American Museum's journal 'Natural History' containing your interesting article on the 'Kitikshan and their Totem Poles' and one or two other articles of interest.

Unfortunately, I do not know of anyone or any institution in a position to purchase the British Columbia baskets of which you speak. There are plenty of museums which would like to have them, but all seem to be in an impoverished condition.

With kindest regards,

Very truly yours,

C. Hart Merriam

April 30, 1925

Mr. Charles S. King
250 Broadview Ave.
New Rochelle, N. Y.

My dear Mr. King:

Thanks for your letter of April 28th with copy of your letter to 'Outdoor Life' giving measurements of your big bear.

Incidentally it turned out that Minnick's "big" skull was by no means big. He must have measured it in the flesh over the curve, for when I measured it later after it had been cleaned the distance between uprights was, if I remember correctly, nearly two inches less than the published measurement.

Very truly yours,

C. Hart Merriam

May 1, 1925

Mr. N. W. Dorsey, Accountant
Smithsonian Institution
Washington, D. C.

Dear Mr. Dorsey:

Herewith I am handing you my expense account for the month of April, amounting to $38.82 and the following vouchers:

Library Bureau, 4x6 cards	$7.47
Columbia Planograph Co., 60 copies (75 pages ea.) blank vocabularies N. Am. Indians	107.00
Miriam Holmes, service as stenographer month of April	125.00
Zenaida Merriam, services as assistant month of April	76.00

all of which kindly pay from the Harriman fund.

Very truly yours,
C. Hart Merriam

PS: As I expect to go back to California in a few days I shall be obliged if you will advance me, as usual, $500 for field expenses, to be repaid as usual in the fall - CHM

C. Hart Merriam

1919 Sixteenth St., Washington, D. C.

Expense Account for the Month of April

1925			
Apr. 3	Useful Wild Plants of the U. S. and Canada		3 15
" 13	Shepard Book Co., Alter's Life of James Bridger		10 00
" 15	Allen's Press Clipping Bur., Clippings for Mar.		3 00
" 17	Hispanic American Historical Review		1 00
" 17	Stockett-Fiske Co., Large blotters & 40 schedule shts.		2 25
" 20	Morrison Paper Co., Large manila envs. & ruler		1 45
	Electric Current, Mar. 21-Apr. 21, $5.70 (1/3 = $1.90)		1 90
	Gas, Mar. 25-Apr. 25, $5.50 (1/3 = $1.83)		1 83
" 30	Wright Howes, Expls. J. Long	$3.00	
	Scott Valley Miner	1.00	
	Postage and stamped envs.		4 00
	2 lbs. floor wax for office rooms		2 44
	Florence Johnson, waxing office floors	$2.50	1 30
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C. Hart Merriam

Retake of Preceding Frame

May 1, 1925

Mr. Robert Rivis
Adin, Modoc County
California.

My dear Friend:

Please forget my delay in replying to your letter of some time ago. I have been exceedingly busy and also have been waiting in the hope of finding out some things in regard to pending legislation for California Indians.

I was very glad to hear from you and am sorry that I can not give you the information you want. I think you have two different matters mixed. The State Legislature of California has appropriated $25,000 for an investigation of the actual condition of the Indians throughout the state, but the last news I had was that the Governor had not yet signed the bill. Whether he has now signed it I do not know.

There was another bill asking for the appropriation of $100,000 for the relief of old, sick and needy California Indians, but I have not heard that it passed the Legislature.

But a very unfortunate thing has happened. Reverend P. G. Collett sent a delegation of his Indians to Sacramento to ask the Governor not to sign these bills, fearing that if the State appropriated this money it would in some way interfere with the passage of the Court of Claims Bill in the United States Congress. These delegates of Collett's claimed that they represented 11,000

Indians. It is too bad and I am very sorry. But in spite of this, the Governor may sign the bills--perhaps he has already; I hope so.

The Court of Claims Bill, introduced in Congress by Judge Raker of Altures, passed both Houses of Congress, but was not signed by the President. I suppose Judge Raker will introduce it again in the new Congress next winter and think the President will then sign it.

So far as I know, no delegation of California Indians has visited Washington this year or for several years past, and I did not know that any Indian had received any money at Sacramento.

I am going to California in a few days and my address, as usual every summer, will be Lagunitas, Marin County. I hope to see you during the summer.

My wife and daughter join in kindest regards to you all.

With best wishes,

Very truly yours,

C. Hart Merriam

May 1, 1925

Mr. F. W. Wilson
Adin, Modoc County
California.

My dear Friend:

Your letter came a long time ago. I was very glad to hear from you and would have written you, but have not been able to find out some things that we both want to know.

I am writing your neighbor, Mr. Robert Rivis, by this mail and will tell you both the same thing, which is all I know.

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April 30, 1925

Col. W. B. Greeley
Chief, U. S. Forest Service
Washington.

Dear Colonel Greeley:

Mr. H. Ikeda, 615 Hastings Street (West) Vancouver, British Columbia, is much interested in forestry and kindred topics and desires publications, particularly relating to the Pacific area on trees, wood and pulp. Anything you may be able to send will be appreciated.

Very truly yours,

C. Hart Merriam

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May 1, 1925

Mr. I. Minis Hays, Treasurer
American Philosophical Society
Philadelphia, Pa.

Dear Sir:

In compliance with your circular letter of April 29th, asking for a subscription to the portrait of W. D. Scott, a man whom I greatly admire, I am enclosing herewith my check for $5.00 and regret that I can not make it larger.

Very truly yours,

C. Hart Merriam.

April 27, 1925

Publisher
Outlook
New York City

Dear Sir:

Kindly change my mailing address for the summer, beginning now, from '1919 Sixteenth Street, Washington, D. C.' to 'Lagunitas, Marin County, California', returning to the old address the 1st of November.

Very truly yours,

C. Hart Merriam

Volunteer Outlook makes a ——— of itself as in its utterly unjust attack on the Forest Service. I only described it came out like a man and acknowledge that it has made a terrible mistake. It might at least try to regain the respect which a multitude of its readers have lost for it.

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Very truly yours,

C. Hart Merriam

Retake of Preceding Frame

May 2, 1925

Publisher
Stockton Record
Stockton, Calif.

Dear Sir:

Will you kindly change the address of the Outdoor Section of the Record from 1919 Sixteenth Street, Washington, D. C. to Lagunitas, California, and oblige

Very truly yours,

C. Hart Merriam

May 2, 1925

Dr. H. C. Oberholser
Biological Survey
Washington, D. C.

Dear Dr. Oberholser:

Henshaw tells me that you have been at work on his Bibliography. This leads me to ask if you have ascertained the date of issue of his preliminary essay entitled "Tribes of North America, with Synonymy" Skittagetan, 14 pages large quarto with broad margins, distributed in the neighborhood of 1890.

Another paper written by him accompanied the first edition of the colored map of Indian tribes by Powell and Henshaw. Can you give me the title and date of this publication?

Very truly yours,

C. Hart Merriam

May 2, 1925

Mr. P. Gahan, Postmaster
Lagunitas, Calif.

My dear Mr. Gahan:

Please hold until our arrival all mail reaching Lagunitas and addressed to our branch of the Merriam family.

We had expected to be in Lagunitas before this but as usual have been detained. However, will doubtless get off in a few days.

With best wishes to you all,

Very truly yours,

C. Hart Merriam

May 5, 1925

Cashier
Crocker National Bank
San Francisco, Calif.

Dear Sir:

Herewith I am enclosing my check on the National Metropolitan Bank of this city for $500.00, which I shall be obliged if you will kindly credit to my account.

I expect to arrive at Lagunitas in a few days so that no more statements should be sent to Washington until my return in the fall.

Very truly yours,

C. Hart Merriam

May 5, 1925

Dr. F. V. Coville
San Francisco, Calif.

Dear Coville:

After a series of dreadful delays we have at last secured our reservations for Saturday of this week (the 9th) and hope to arrive in Lagunitas on the 13th.

Hope to see you and Mrs. Coville as early as practicable thereafter, and with best wishes from us all,

As ever yours,

C. Hart Merriam

We were thrilled by your interesting description of the plants along the road to Livermore Valley. The roads evidently have improved since I was there some years ago.

May 5, 1925

Mr. Pompeo Martinelli
Lagunitas, Calif.

My dear Mr. Martinelli:

At last we have our tickets and sleeping car reservations to leave here on Saturday, May 9th, so that we should reach Lagunitas on the evening of the 12th or by noon on the 13th.

We all will be very glad to get there.

With kind regards to you all,

Very truly yours,

C. Matt Thurnian

May 6, 1925

Mr. T. W. Clark, Acting Accountant
Smithsonian Institution
Washington, D. C.

My dear Mr. Clark:

Replying to your letter of the 4th instant in regard to the unclaimed letter addressed to Charles H. McNeil, Hotel Atwood, Seattle, containing check for $17.00 in payment for two skulls of grizzly bears, would say that my letter to him similarly addressed has also been returned to me. I infer, therefore, that he has gone back to his summer place, which is Kamshak Bay, via Seldovia, Alaska.

I am writing him to that address by this mail.

Very truly yours,

C. Hart Merriam

May 6, 1925

Mr. Charles H. McNeil
Kamishak, Alaska.

My dear Sir:

The enclosed letter dated March 3rd has been returned unclaimed. I assume therefore that you have gone back to Kamishak and am sending this letter to your usual summer address.

The voucher and check for $17.00 sent you by the Smithsonian on May 4th have also been returned, and I am writing the disbursing officer by this mail to forward same to your Alaska address.

Very truly yours,

C. Hart Merriam

May 6, 1925

In re: IT:AD:R-221
Account 45171

Mr. Galen L. Tait, Collector
Internal Revenue Service
Baltimore, Md.

Dear Sir: Attention: Mr. A. J. Tragesser

Replying to your communication of the 4th instant, would state that the automobile deduction of $610.00 depreciation in my Tax Report for 1923 was for two automobiles; one used in this city (depreciation $388), the other used in California for the other half of the year ($222), the depreciation of each being reckoned in the usual way of 25 per cent per annum. My Washington car is used for ordinary family purposes and also in trips to the Smithsonian Institution, National Museum, Department of the Interior, Library of Congress, and so on; my California car mainly in field work in mountainous parts of the state where deterioration has been very rapid.

I am not an employee of the government; am paid from a special fund placed under the Smithsonian Institution for my work. I have never made any charge for deterioration of automobiles against this fund.

You have asked the nature of my occupation. I am a naturalist and ethnologist, and for the past 15 years or more have spent about half of each year in field work in California; the other half in Washington, D. C.

Very truly yours,

C. Hart Merriam

May 7, 1925

Dr. O. C. Coy
University of California
Berkeley, Calif.

Dear Dr. Coy:

In compliance with your request and my promise, I am sending you herewith a few of my photographs of California Indians and their homes and baskets. Those sent are as follows:

Mewuk summer home near Sonora
Tahche house and family, Tulare Lake
Chukchansy summer home with man and wife, near Fresno Flat
Chukchansy women splitting acorns for acorn mush " "
Tuleyome family south of Clear Lake(tribe nearly extinct)
Old Kahchish woman pounding acorns, mouth of Russian River
Last full-blood Oe-koc-tom-til-ka (Coast Yuke)
Kerok Indians, 3 generations, Klamath River
Hat Creek Indians, At-soo-ka'-e tribe
Clear Lake Pomo
Last of the Shasta chiefs and his wife, Klamath River
Beautiful 'Hwilkut girl, Redwood Creek, Humboldt County.

Am enclosing also two photos of baskets in my library to show their decorative value. Would send you a fine selection of basket pictures, but it is impossible to select them now owing to the fact that I am already a number of days late in starting and have our transportation, including sleeping car tickets, in my pocket and must make the train.

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The print of the Chukchansy summer wikiup is pale, but can be greatly strengthened by rephotographing if you wish to use it.

Please select from these the ones you wish to use in your book and return the unused prints to me at Lagunitas. You of course realize that this is very precious material, impossible to duplicate, and I have never before allowed anyone to use any of them. If I live a year or two longer I expect to publish them with many others in my forthcoming works on the California Indians.

My address until the latter part of October will be as usual Lagunitas, Marin County.

With best wishes.

Very truly yours,

Chiota visit repeated—send in separate envelope.

May 8, 1925

Mr. Homer Sargent
222 Arroyo Terrace
Pasadena, Calif.

My dear Mr. Sargent:

I am very much mortified that I was not able to finish with your last grizzlies long ago, but various matters have conspired to prevent.

When I went to the museum to examine the skulls early in the year I was shocked to find that neither of them had been cleaned. I had them sent to the cleaner and since their return have spent some time in studying them, but have not arrived at a final conclusion.

The main difficulty is that since our collections were condensed during the war and most of the space formerly occupied was given to the display of uniforms, swords, and miscellaneous war materials, it has been impracticable to do any satisfactory work on large skulls. The series of more than 2000 bear skulls which I succeeded in obtaining for the Museum has been crowded into cases (sometimes several deep) in such a way that it has been impracticable to find skulls needed for comparison; and furthermore, the skull cases have been stacked three deep so that one needs a ladder to get at all but the lower ones. After wasting a lot of valuable time I finally found a few of the skulls searched for, but not enough to enable me to arrive at satisfactory results.

During the past month a Director (Dr. Alexander Wetmore) has been appointed in charge of the Museum. This is the first time in many years that the Museum has had a scientific head. We are now in hopes that space still occupied by war relics may be turned back where it belongs, for the use of natural history specimens, and I most earnestly trust that on my return next fall I may be able to complete my studies of at least several of the groups of big bears.

All this by way of apology: your two skulls are most interesting. The one you presented to the Museum is a young-adult male; the one you wish returned, a fully adult male in excellent condition. I am so anxious to exhaust our resources of comparison with these skulls that I am making bold to ask permission to retain the old one until next fall.

I am leaving for Lagunitas tomorrow, but if you want the skull sent you before my return in the fall, will see that this is done.

The skin of this old male grizzly, in accordance with your directions, was shipped to J. D. Allen, Mandan, North Dakota, the latter part of March.

With best wishes,

Very truly yours,

C. Hart Merriam

May 8, 1925

Mr. Maynard Shipley
948 Market St.
San Francisco, Calif.

My dear Mr. Shipley:

Your letter of March 7th reached me in due course and was very welcome. I should have written you earlier, but have been overwhelmed with pressing work.

There is just one thing you ought to know; namely, that the number of paid preachers in the United States which I mentioned as 200,000 was not a guess on my part, but was taken from the United States Census figures. I mentioned this incidentally in connection with the propaganda for the name 'Mt. Tacoma' as against 'Mt. Ranier' in my hearing before the Committee on Public Lands on January 9th last (Hearings on S. J. Res. 64, page 25).

Am leaving Washington for California tomorrow, after which my address until October will be Lagunitas, Marin County.

Very truly yours,

C. Hart Merriam

~~April 25~~, May 8, 1925

Publisher
Los Angeles Times
Los Angeles, Calif.

Dear Sir:

Can you send me a copy of the 'Times' of March 22nd. last, containing an article on the Indians of Owens Valley, to which I have just seen reference?

As I am leaving for California ~~in a few days~~, please send to me at Lagunitas, Marin County, California.

Very truly yours,

C. Hart Merriam

May 8, 1925

Dear Julia:

Here is your Washington Railway and Electric coupon of June 1st. Your bank will accept it for collection at any time.

Not having any blank certificates of ownership (all of mine having my name stamped on them), I am enclosing a dummy for you to copy on a clean certificate, which you can get at any bank.

You doubtless have shared in the general anxiety and sadness resulting from Fred Hone's sickness and death.

Coll and Flo when they left were expected to go direct to Lyons Falls, but their plans were changed and I think they are now at Ossining.

We, as you see, are still here, but we have our tickets and Pullman reservations for tomorrow and expect to reach Lagunitas on the 13th.

It has been a hard pull to get my materials in shape for going--part to leave here and part to take along. For some time past I have been getting up between five and six and have worked twelve to sixteen hours a day, so that I shall be thankful for the rest on the train. With love from us all,

As ever yours,

May 8, 1925

City Postmaster
Washington, D. C.

Dear Sir:

I am closing my house and leaving for California tomorrow, the 9th instant, after which please have my letter mail forwarded until further notice to Lagunitas, Marin County, California. I do not expect to return until October.

The members of my family to whom mail should be forwarded are Mrs. Merriam and myself and Miss Zenaida Merriam.

Very truly yours,

C. Hart Merriam

May 9, 1925

Major Daniel Sullivan
Chief of Police
Washington, D. C.

Dear Sir:

Today I am closing my house, 1919 Sixteenth Street, for the season, and do not expect to return until some time in October. I shall be obliged if you will kindly have your patrolmen keep an eye on the house from time to time as they pass.

Should anything occur to require attention, please notify Mr. or Mrs. Vernon Bailey, 1834 Kalorama Road, or Mrs. Marian Baker, 1905 Sixteenth Street.

My address until October will be Lagunitas, Marin County, California.

Respectfully,

C. Hart Merriam

May 9, 1925

Water Department
Municipal Building
Washington, D. C.

Dear Sirs:

I have today closed my house--1919 Sixteenth Street--for the remainder of the summer, and have turned off the water where it enters the house. No water should be used in the house until my return in November.

Respectfully,

C. Hart Merriam

May 9, 1925

Potomac Electric Power Co.
Fourteenth and C Sts.
Washington, D. C.

Dear Sirs:

Today I am closing my house, 1919 Sixteenth Street, for the season, and do not expect to return until November.

I have turned off the electric current at the main switch in the basement under the stone steps at the front of the house, and no current shou'd be used until my return.

Respectfully,

C. Hart Merriam

May 9, 1925

Washington Gas Light Co.
411 Tenth Street
Washington, D. C.

Dear Sirs:

Today I am closing my house, 1919 Sixteenth Street, for the season and do not expect to return until November.

I have turned off the gas, where it comes in from the street, just before reaching the meter. No gas should be used in my house until my return.

Respectfully,

C. Hart Merriam

May 9, 1925

Chesapeake and Potomac Telephone Co.
Washington, D. C.

Dear Sirs:

We are closing our house, 1919 Sixteenth Street, today, and do not expect it to be re-occupied before November.

I shall be obliged, therefore, if you will discontinue the phone until further notice.

Respectfully,

C. [illegible]

May 9, 1925

Mr. N. W. Dorsey, Accountant
Smithsonian Institution
Washington, D. C.

Dear Mr. Dorsey:

Enclosed is a voucher for services of my stenographer, Miss Miriam Holmes, May 1st to May 9th, inclusive, $37.50, which I shall be obliged if you will kindly pay from the Harriman fund, sending the check direct to her address on the voucher.

We are leaving for California today, and I wish to thank you for your promptness and kind attentions in the matter of my accounts.

With best wishes,

Very truly yours,

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